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Pikes Peak Group Program – May 21

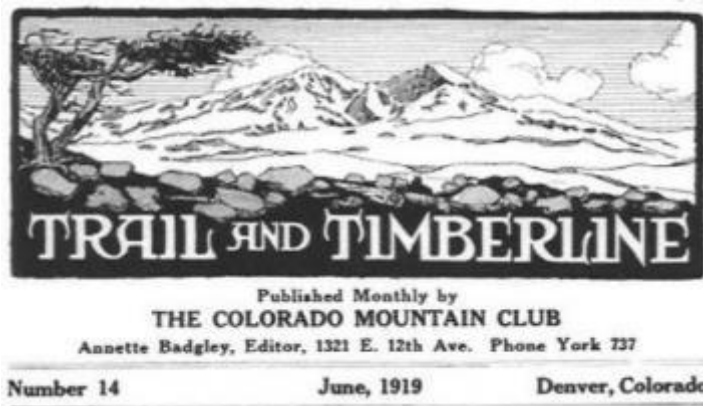
Darren Funk-Neubauer Presents: *Denali!*



In late 2016 Darren decided to apply all the knowledge and experience of mountaineering craft he had learned through CMC classes and trips to try his hand at one of the great mountains of the world: Denali. After a year and a half of research, planning, and training, he left for Alaska on June 1, 2018. This talk will tell the story of his expedition. This expedition was unguided, so Darren and his partners were responsible for planning all aspects of the trip and were completely self-sufficient on the mountain. If you have ever wondered what it is like to live on a glacier for 22 consecutive days in one of the most extreme environments on earth, this talk is for you.

Please join us for Darren's presentation at the Barrel Room at the Ivywild School Center, 1604 S Cascade Ave. The presentation starts at 6:30. Food and beverages are available, so come early!

Happy 100th Anniversary, Pikes Peak Group!



Pikes Peak Group 100th Anniversary Celebration

May 6, 2019 marks the 100th anniversary of the Pikes Peak Group.

5–9 PM, Sunday, May 5
Atrevida Beer Company
204 Mount View Lane

Free dinner, two drink tickets, T-shirt, buff, raffle prizes

We are sold out, but you may want to [get on the waitlist](#).

Check the May PPG Trips section for May 4 & 5 trips!

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Interested in serving on the Pikes Peak Group
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Welcome New Members!

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Ryan Christensen	Jay Karst
Adam Clements	Brian Lewis
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Conservation Corner

2019 TRAIL STEWARDSHIP SCHEDULE

Ice Cave Creek Stewardship: May 18

Our 2019 trails stewardship calendar is coming together! Whether you have experience or not, please give back to your hiking experiences by signing up for one or more of these projects.

We will kick the season off by doing some touch-up work on [5/18](#) on the Ice Cave Creek trail that we built five years ago. The trail is holding up really well, except for a big rock that has slid down on it, but there are always a few spots on a new trail that are wearing in differently than expected.

Later in the summer, we will have another rare chance to build new trail! The Devil's Playground trail from the Craggs Campground to Pikes Peak is being completely rerouted onto a sustainable alignment. RMFI has contracted most of the work to the Mile High Youth Corps, but we are partnering with them on the MHYC's days off. The first opportunity will be a standard one-day project on [7/20](#). Later, we are also participating in a collaborative weekend with Friends of the Peak on [8/17-18](#)—for that one, RMFI will provide meals, and I can promise you they do an amazing job of appreciating volunteers.

Finally, if you think the best part of trail work is carrying tools, you have a great chance to help another RMFI project, rebuilding a trail up Kit Carson and Challenger Ridge from Willow Lake Basin near Crestone. They need volunteers to pack tools and supplies for this summer-long project on any or all of [6/15-17](#). They will provide all meals and even loaner packs for the volunteers.

If none of these projects fit with your schedule, check the volunteer calendars for [Friends of the Peak](#) and [RMFI](#) to see what else they have to offer in the area.

Waldo Canyon Planning

Planning for Waldo Canyon is also underway. Learn more about the planning [here](#), and attend the next public meeting, April 17 from 6-8:30 PM at the Westside Community Center gym, 1628 W Bijou St, Colorado Springs.

Find Your Fourteener Project Fundraiser 5/15

CMC is a partner to the National Forest Foundation's [Find Your Fourteener Project](#), which is helping fund the work on the new Devil's Playground Trail. Their big fundraising event at the Pioneer's Museum has been rescheduled to May 15 due to the March blizzard. Sign up online.

Pikes Peak Group 100th Anniversary

The First Snowfall

Eric Swab

The students from the Cheyenne Mountain High School also had a favorite retreat in South Cheyenne Cañon. At the first snow fall of the season, Dr. Lloyd Shaw would call the junior and senior classes into the auditorium. He told them they had thirty minutes to go home, pack a lunch, and be back at the school for a hike to the school cabin.¹ The students would hike up the stairs at Seven Falls and follow the trail along South Cheyenne Creek making several crossings until they got to the cabin sitting on a small hill above the creek next to a beautiful waterfall.



The story of how this cabin became the property of the school in the early 1920s, is best told by Lloyd Shaw himself. "The purchase of a cabin a few miles above Seven Falls was one of the finest things Cheyenne School ever did. This was a large cabin, with a front porch clear across the width, hanging high above the steep slope on which it stood. It gave a magnificent view of South Cheyenne Cañon, Cheyenne Mountain, and the plains lying out beyond. Close by was a beautiful little waterfall. The cabin had a large fireplace at the end opposite the porch, and around the corner from this big room was the kitchen, with cupboards, and with a big stove in it.

The cabin had been beautifully built by a group of young bachelors in town, artistic young men such as Wilhelm Schmidt, musician and composer; Mr. Bouthwell of the Craft Wood Shops and others. These men had gotten married, and decided to sell the cabin. We paid them a thousand dollars for it (it was on government land), and put several hundred more dollars into improvements.

It was quite an undertaking for us, for the school board, of course, could give us no help. We managed it by borrowing the money from ourselves. We gave the students and the teachers interest-bearing notes, and the students advanced the funds mostly from what they had saved for college. We fixed each note so it would be completely paid back, including interest, by the time the student was ready for college. We never failed on a single note. We gave plays and special events at which we could make a little money, and we managed the whole affair with no strain.

We decided to build in under the porch which was completely open to the wind below. So we built a bunk room there. Then we built a long bench clear around the big room, and built it well enough that it would hold all our bedding and supplies. We built folding tables and a place to store them, so we could seat 50 or 60 at a meal. We got really busy. It was over a mile from the street car line to Seven Falls. Then the long hike up the hundreds of steps, and then a trail for three or four miles up to the cabin. (There was no road that a car could travel.) Oh, what carrying parties we had at first! Carrying the lumber and the mattresses up to the cabin, carrying them all the way up this long, steep trail. We did it! Youngsters were thoroughly used to hiking then. There were few cars in the world, and youngsters had practically no access to them. We were a walking generation.

I mention this, for I have been told recently of several groups of Cheyenne students who tried to walk up to the school cabin. They were so all in, from the long and strenuous trip, that they were hardly able to make it. Just too tired to eat! Perhaps the next generation will be born with wheels on the ends of their legs, instead of feet. But, thank heaven, we were a walking generation!

Two husky boys with two long boards (1 a 12) from 14 to 16 feet long, tied by a rope over their shoulders, and hanging on each side of them at arms length, would take the four or five miles up to the cabin, going up the long steps of the Seven Falls, twisting and turning on the narrow trail, and they would deliver their boards at the cabin without a word being said. Or the huskier boys would take a mattress and roll it and bind it carefully as tightly as they could, and rig up a tump line over their heads like an Indian, and carry the thing clear up to the cabin. This was too much for one boy, so he always had another big fellow hiking along with him, ready to take his turn on the heavy load every now and then. I'll never forget the big Victrola I packed up on my back, and how the weight of the thing increased incredibly as I got higher and higher into the mountains.



But we were all used to climbing and thought little of it. Nearly every weekend there was a party of some kind at the cabin. And some of the faculty had to go on these, as chaperones. Often just up to the cabin for a supper party, with the committee carrying all the load of food. And after supper, what singing around the fire. And after that what a wonderful adventure coming down the trail in the ink-black night, or under a friendly moon. Often a weekend party, carrying more food, and sleeping at the cabin for a couple of nights. it was part of our routine. We all loved it!

Committees of us would work on the trail, widening it and straightening it, with pick and shovel, and saw and axe. We even built a couple of miles of new trail, gradually widening it until we made quite a path. At last a family at Sweetwater, down the next valley, built a road over from the Stage Road on Cheyenne Mountain. So we built a sort of road taking off from this, for over a mile up to our cabin. it was some road! We even built a narrow bridge across Cheyenne Creek. And at least my Ford, with a Moore's Auxiliary Transmission, could make it clear up to a spot

behind our cabin. But we had trained our Ford to shut its eyes and not watch where it was going, just trust to the wheel, we'd get it there!

Mrs. Shaw and I and our two children, spent several summers at the old school cabin, with high school youngsters running up the trail every now and then to see us, or to spend the night with us. It was a glorious spot, and one of the richest memories I have of the old Cheyenne School."²

All that remains of this cabin is a pile of stone that was the fireplace and chimney, a few masonry walls, and small pile of lumber. Disuse led to vandalism, which led to the Forest Service to demand maintenance or demolition, and the cabin was demolished, probably in 1950s, but the "beautiful little waterfall is still there".

¹Bill J. Patterson, "One Teacher's Odyssey at Cheyenne School," *Kiva*, 2015.

²Lloyd Shaw, "The School Cabin, Half a Century of Memories," *Colorado Springs Free Press* (Colorado Springs, Colo., July 25, 1957).

The Pikes Peak Group in Photos



Land Navigation Field Class

L-R: Trevor Howard, Stacy Harmon, Brett Book, Julie Kiley, Rick Weaver, Richard Legault, David Kuenzli (Instructor), Glenn Barr, and front: Jennifer Schmidt. Not pictured: Ricky Arguello and Keith Marcantel. Photo credit: Dean Waits.



Dixon Trail Hike in Cheyenne Mountain State Park

Front: Andy Lyon (Leader). Back, L-R: Bobbi Leavens, John Weida, guest, Anna Revolinsky, Betty Katondo, and Monica Clinesmith. Photo credit: Dean Waits.



Trails End Taproom's Kickoff of their Trailblazers Event

Leaders: Jennifer Schmidt, David Kuenzli, and Dean Waits. Also assisting: Betty Katondo and Donna Gail Schneider.



Mount Rosa Hike

L-R: Tom McClernon, Dean Waits, Frank Dong, Frank Gunn, Betty Katondo, and Lawrence Boyd. Photo credit: Andy Lyon (Leader).

Cheyenne Mountain Club

May 16, 1957

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Half a Century of Memories

By DR. LLOYD SHAW

After the great influenza epidemic, schools did not open until January. When at last we were allowed to open, we were warned that we must be careful that we didn't spread the disease by having too intimate or too frequent indoor parties. Having a group of young people who loved to hike (it was unheard of, for a high school lad to own a car), I decided to limit our parties more or less to outdoor gatherings; and we organized the Cheyenne Mountain Club. Incidentally, most of us were quite poor, and this recreation was free.



At first we just hiked—to the tops of the high peaks, to the far back trails, to the choice spots of the region. Then, as the youngsters began enjoying themselves more and more on their long hard trips, Dr. Lloyd Shaw we finally decided to start a real mountain club. We chose the name "Cheyenne Mountain Club." A few adult friends from Colorado Springs, who loved to hike, wanted to join with us, and we gladly took them in. Our first official trip was to the summit of Cheyenne Mountain, where we wanted to place our first Mountain Club register. That is a very easy hike, but we felt it would be most appropriate—and the summit of Cheyenne Mountain is a little hard to find.

We knew that the Colorado Mountain Club, with its headquarters in Denver, had had special brass registers built to put on the highest peaks of the state. We couldn't afford to have anything special built. So we took nine-inch lengths of two-inch pipe, and threaded the ends, so we could screw on the end-stops that plumbers use, and close them up tight. Then we welded a piece of chain to the pipe, and buried the chain in a pile of rocks that we would put on the summit of the Peak. Inside the cylinder was placed a little note book giving the name of the club, and containing the hand-printed directions for finding in the record of those who visited the peak.

Just a year or two ago, someone phoned me to say that he had climbed to the summit of Cheyenne Mountain and had found and written his name in our little register. He had climbed up the old trail to "National Park" from the Stage Road, just after it passes Wade City. Old man Wade used to live there; he was the "City." He was the grandfather of Fred Barr, who later built the Barr Trail up Pikes Peak. Wade City used to be a stage stop on the old Stage Road to Cripple Creek. Now I think there are one or two cabins near the spot and nothing else. And, I think you would have to know exactly where to find the old trail up to "National Park," so few hiking feet have worn it lately. And I hope you find my yellow ladies' slippers.

When you reach National Park, near the

summit, you head up the ridge to the West to find the true summit of Cheyenne Mountain. Way back to the East and North of you is the "Summit House" of the Auto Highway, and the Devil's Horn. People ride up there in their cars nowadays, and a magnificent ride it is, but they mustn't believe the signs indicating the spot that "Pike stood on when he viewed the Peak." Pike, coming up from the Pueblo country, would never have stood there, we can be sure of that. But to a modern tourist driving up the curving highway from the Broadmoor Hotel, it seems perfectly natural that this is where he stood. It is a magnificent view across canons and mountains to the summit of the Peak, and it is easy for the tourist to understand "just how he felt."

We put our registers on many of the other high peaks of the region as well. We had a wonderful time, hiking and scrambling around, and lugging our little cylinders to all the slightly summits. The newspaper had an editorial about us, and the publicity was quite general. It was fun!

Then the directors of the Colorado Mountain Club heard about us. They had been considering the establishment of other branches in the state. They invited me up to Denver to meet with their board. I took several hikes with their club. The long hikes were fun, led by real mountaineers, and they had a real genius for organization. But some of the shorter hikes, led by some of the lesser members, almost got my goat. Marching close in line, we would each take a 120 steps forward, then stop, and take a few long breaths while facing to the East, then five more long breaths facing North, and then five more long breaths facing West, and then "Forward March" and we would advance another 120 steps.

Of course, I am exaggerating, but that is the impression they gave me. All organization and no place to go. They were being so busy meeting all the exigencies of a carefully planned trip, that they never got any place at all. The directors that were on the trip would tell me not to mind it, and on a "real hike" they got up and "went places." So I would school myself the best that I could, and turn to the real climbers for my inspiration. James Grafton Rogers, the organizer of the club, and several of the others were great men, and I grew very fond of them.

The directors came down and met with our group a couple of times, and we gradually changed our club into the "Pikes Peak Branch of the Colorado Mountain Club." We now had to have a new set of officers, all adult. But the spontaneity and freedom of the little Cheyenne Mountain Club lingered on in the early happy days of the "Pikes Peak Branch," while we also met and appreciated immensely some of the fine people of the larger organization. It is a rich spot in my memories of years ago, when people really loved to hike!

Upcoming PPG Classes

Wilderness First Aid (WFA) with CPR/AED

Starts April 27

This two-day, eighteen-hour ECSI accredited course presents dynamic instruction devoted to teaching you how to respond to medical emergencies in remote settings where definitive medical care is not readily available. Day one consists of classroom presentations and hands-on training on a variety of medical situations that may be encountered in the backcountry and wilderness areas, including CPR. Day two continues with classroom presentations followed by realistic scenarios in the field that simulate the type of medical situations people face in wilderness settings when calling 911 is not an option. This course satisfies a requirement for trip leaders. The sessions are on 27 April from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm and on 28 April from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Your comprehensive textbook and a field guide will be distributed during the first session. You will receive your WFA with adult CPR/AED certification card emailed to you upon satisfactory course completion. Cost: \$90 for PPG members, \$80 for leaders, \$95 for all others.

PPG ARCPro Crack Climbing Class

Starts May 4

This class will focus on crack-climbing techniques for climbing finger to fist-sized cracks, along with touching on chimney and off-width techniques. We will not be teaching any gear placement or lead climbing in this class—we will focus on climbing techniques while on a top-rope belay. Prerequisites: Students should have basic rock climbing skills, such as taught in our BMS Rock Climbing or the equivalent, to include belaying and climbing communication. Leading skills are not necessary. Cost: \$60; \$40 for leaders.

PPG Scrambling Class

May 8

The objectives of the Rock Scrambling class are to: (1) improve students' ability to move safely and efficiently on Class 3/4 routes, (2) provide students the opportunity to gain confidence when climbing with exposure, and (3) have fun! Schedule: 8 May 5:30pm-8:00pm instructional session at Ute Valley Park, 11 May 7:30am-10:00am field outing on a route that will allow students to practice what they learned. Students must have basic mountaineering knowledge, skills, and experience, such as that taught in the BMS Wilderness Fundamentals class. Students should have experience hiking Class 2 alpine routes and know how to equip themselves with the essentials for a day in the mountains. Cost: \$45; \$5 for leaders.

PPG Basic Mountaineering School - Wilderness Fundamentals

May 13

The Wilderness Fundamentals class is an introduction to important skills and backcountry knowledge to enable participants to independently plan and safely implement a day's outing in the great outdoors—away from civilization and all it provides. Class lecture covers the fundamentals of choosing back country gear (the Ten Essentials), trip planning, nutrition, conditioning, Leave No Trace (LNT) conservation practices, mountain weather, safety, emergency planning protocol (what to do when things go wrong), and a case study of a recent, Colorado wilderness accident. This class is a pre-requisite for many of our other PPG courses and will provide participants with a copy of *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills* that will be referenced in other courses! Make sure you have this one under your belt. Cost: \$45 for PPG members, \$55 for all others.

PPG Basic Mountaineering School - Colorado Rock Climbing

Starts May 15

There is one class lecture and active skills practice session. Our discussions include climbing gear, rating a climb, the different types of rock climbing, reviewing climbing knots, rope management, including coiling, care and inspection, anchors, communications, climbing techniques, belaying, rappelling, and building an auto-block. There are two CMC Rating Trips which we typically do at 11 Mile Canyon and Castlewood Canyon. Dates: 15 May, 6:30pm-9:00pm, 16 May 6:30pm-dark, 25 and 26 May, 7:30am-3:30pm. Prerequisite: BMS Wilderness Fundamentals. Cost: \$65.

PPG GPS Basics Class

Starts May 23

GPS Basics offers students who already own handheld GPS receivers the opportunity to learn more about how GPS works, how to plan an adventure online, how to move that information to a GPS receiver, and how to use the GPS to help with route finding, trip progress, reporting locations in an emergency, and capturing key data for a trip report to share with others. Key terms we will explore: Global Positioning System, satellites, waypoints, routes, tracks, importing, exporting, .gpx files, WAAS, Caltopo, BaseCamp, trip computer, GLONASS, Geocaching, coordinates, UTM, position, velocity, circle of error, satellite geometry, and others. This class is intended for those who already have a GPS and want to learn to use it more effectively. Class has one lecture/presentation, homework (field day GPS prep), and one field day in Colorado Springs. Prerequisites: 1. CMC Land Navigation graduate: participants must have completed a CMC Land Navigation class and be comfortable using a compass and topographic map to make route and navigation decisions; 2. Handheld GPS: participants must already have a handheld GPS receiver that allows for datum selection, input of waypoint data, upload/download of .gpx files from a computer, and can hold map data (a visual map display). Cost: Free.



To register for classes or trips,
go to www.cmc.org



PPG ARCPro Traditional Lead Climbing Class

Starts June 19

The Traditional Lead Climbing Class is part of the PPG Advanced Rock Climbing Program. In this class, students will be introduced to the principles and techniques of placing gear on a “traditional” rock climb. This class builds upon many of the concepts and skills taught in the PPG ARCPro Gear and Anchors Class. By the end of the final Field Session, students will perform “mock” trad leads—backed up by a top-rope belay. Students will be evaluated for their gear placements and their understanding of key principles of how to ensure safety while leading a traditional climb. Prerequisites: Successful completion of BMS Rock Climbing class, Sport Leading Class, and PPG ARCPro Gear and Anchors class, or equivalent skills and approval from ARC Program directors. Cost: \$65 for Leaders, \$95 for all others.

May PPG Trips

PPG 100 Year - Advanced Snow Couloir Climb

Saturday, 5/4/2019

Difficult

Leader: Kristen Buckland, 419-260-7807, buckie06@hotmail.com

Trail Mileage 8, Elevation Gain 4000, Driving Distance 120. Details: The Pikes Peak Group celebrates 100 years on May 5th! This snow climb is part of the celebration weekend. Conditions will dictate which couloir we climb. I'm thinking Savage Couloir, but we could also do Lincoln North Face, Democrat North Face, or Dragon's Tail Couloir. We will leave the Springs around 2-3am to start hiking before sunrise. We may also drive out Friday night and sleep at the trailhead, depending on which climb we do. Snowshoes, crampons, ice axe, a second tool, and avalanche gear are required. Skis/splitboards with skins will also be allowed depending on the route. You must have completed the BMS Snow Climbing Class and Avalanche Level 1, as well as have past experience climbing couloirs as this will be a more challenging climb. Priority will be given to Pikes Peak Group members.

PPG 100 Years - Snow Couloir Climb

Saturday, 5/4/2019

Moderate

Leader: Greg Long, 719-659-0345, at_90@yahoo.com

Details: The Pikes Peak Group is turning 100 years old! Help us celebrate our birthday! Conditions will dictate what couloir we climb. You must have taken BMS Snow Climbing and Avalanche Level 1 courses to attend this trip. Gear Required: crampons, helmet, ice axe, beacon, probe, shovel, and snowshoes.

PPG 100 Years - Rock Climb 11 Mile

Saturday, 5/4/2019

Sport Lead

Leader: Shane Burns, 719-533-0986, mshaneburns@me.com

Trail Mileage 1. Details: The Pikes Peak Group turns 100 on May 5th! This trip is part of the weekend celebration. We will climb at Eleven Mile Canyon, and set up multiple routes for all skill levels, top-rope and trad/sport-lead options. You must have completed BMS Rock Climbing to attend this trip.

PPG 100 Years - Craig Meadows Backpacking Trip

Saturday, 5/4/2019

Moderate BI

Leader: Glenn Barr, 719-244-3502, gjb2000@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 10, Elevation Gain 1290, Driving Distance 120. Location: Celebrate Pikes Peak Group's 100th Anniversary with a overnight backpacking trip to Craig Meadow in the Lost Creek Wilderness of the Pike National Forest. Details: Trip leader will make a weather (too much snow) and participant numbers (minimum of 4 required) decision at 6:00pm Friday night May 3rd and email participants with an update on trip status (Go or Cancel). New to backpacking, want to try out your cold weather gear, or just looking for a fun trip in the colder weather of the spring? This trip is for you. This trip is primarily for new backpackers of the PPG, but if you are interested in signing up, please do so after reading all the information here. Besides backpacking, we will be reviewing and practicing Leave No Trace Principles, camp setup, bear bag handling, water treatment, backcountry cooking and hygiene, as well as discussing gear and sharing trip and gear ideas. Bring your favorite backpacking meal or snack to share!

PPG 100 Years - Carcass Canyon / Five Points Gulch

Saturday, 5/4/2019

Scramble

Leader: Thomas Mowle, 719-216-3932, tommowle@yahoo.com

Trail Mileage 7.5, Elevation Gain 1500, Driving Distance 150. Location: McIntyre Hills BLM Wilderness Study Area -- east of Texas Creek, south of the Arkansas, which makes it sound like it's in Louisiana, but it's not. Details: The Pikes Peak Group turns 100 years old! This hike is part of our celebration weekend. This trip is difficult, largely off trail, and exploratory to a small extent. The scrambling portion will involve a series of non-technical but exposed pour-off climbs, traversing desert-like terrain including cryptobiotic soil, and working through brush and boulders in a narrow canyon. Scrambling or desert canyoneering experience is desirable; rock climbing is even better: if you are not comfortable climbing a bit off the solid ground, this is not a good trip for you. This trip is a "U" of adjacent canyons with a two-mile car shuttle along US 50, so we want to take at least two cars to shuttle between the mouths. We will start up "Carcass Canyon," which is a slot canyon opposite Hindman Gulch. 2.5 miles up a very narrow canyon will get us to a high point with a panoramic view of the northern Sangres. We will then traverse a short distance to the rim of Five Point Gulch, and down 500'. This is the exploratory aspect as I think this will be a better route down than what I have used on other trips (I've viewed it from below but not hiked it). The rest is a more benign hike, though still with some tricky spots: about four miles along a little used track down an often wide, sometimes narrow canyon. We often see a lot of large animal tracks in Five Points, where there is more water (and we always find dead things in Carcass Canyon). If for some reason Carcass proves impassible this year due to snow or flowing water, we will bail out to just hike up Five Points & back. No pets or other non-human companions.

Celebrate 100 Year History of Pikes Peak CMC on Barr Trail

Saturday, 5/4/2019

Easy DII

Leader: Larry Post, 303-330-8959, postlarry@hotmail.com

Trail Mileage 13, Elevation Gain 3800, Driving Distance 10. Location: Meet at Colorado Springs Safeway at 6:45AM to carpool to Manitou Springs P&R (7AM) for shuttle to Barr Camp TH. Last chance for coffee and real bathroom is Safeway. If using the Manitou Springs free P&R, meet at Hiawatha Gardens Free Parking Lot. Catch the Route 33 Shuttle at intersection of 10 Old Man's and Manitou Ave, adjacent to Trail (Memorial Park), 7AM. If meeting at Barr Camp Trailhead, meeting time 7:30AM. Details: Come celebrate 100 Year History of Colorado Springs Colorado Mountain Club with a hike on the Barr Camp Trail. Traction devices required, hiking sticks helpful. Bring snacks like instant soup to Barr Cabin (turn around point), can get hot water for soup, cocoa, or freeze dried meal for a money donation (about ~\$1) to the Barr Camp. Be ready for a 6-7 hour hike (round trip) with a lunch break at Barr Camp. Be ready for any type of weather. Can be a windy hike. Need a minimum of four hikers for safety and weather permitting. Preparedness also includes the 10 Essentials.

7 Bridges - Mt Buckhorn - Mays Peak Loop Loop

Saturday, 5/4/2019

Moderate B

Leader: Y Mason, youdew@aol.com

Trail Mileage 9, Elevation Gain 2000. Location: This is a local Colorado Springs hike within North Cheyenne Park. Details: Hike and meet-up details will be emailed to registered hikers several days prior to the hike date.

PPG 100 Years - North Fork Trail Hike

Saturday, 5/4/2019

Moderate

Leader: Denise Snow, 719-687-9576, denisedansnow@q.com

Trail Mileage 10, Elevation Gain 1900. Location: Reynolds Park Trailhead parking. Details: The Pikes Peak group is turning 100 years old! This trip is part of our weekend celebration! We will meet at the Reynolds Park TH where we will car shuttle to the North Fork TH on the South Platte river. We will then hike the North Fork trail which largely runs on the side of mountain's through pine forest with views into the valley. Green and lush, in a really beautiful setting with a couple very scenic views. During wildflower season this trail is gorgeous. Overall it is a smooth trail that connects to the Hummingbird Trail in Reynolds Park. From here we will walk about a mile to the Reynolds Park TH and shuttle drivers back to their cars.

PPG 100 Year - Blodgett Peak to Ormes Peak Hike

Sunday, 5/5/2019

Moderate

Leader: Kristen Buckland, 419-260-7807, buckie06@hotmail.com

Trail Mileage 6, Elevation Gain 3500, Driving Distance 10. Location: Blodgett Peak Open Space. Details: The Pikes Peak Group is celebrating our 100 year birthday this weekend! We will hike up the steep trail to Blodgett Peak, enjoy some great views of our city, then make the bushwhack over to Ormes Peak (leader has not done Ormes Peak). The hike up to Blodgett is quite steep and loose, a good fitness base is required. We shall be back in town for the 100 year celebration party. A few well behaved dogs are welcome; please contact the leader if you plan to bring your pup. Priority will be given to Pikes Peak Group members. **No tickets left.***

PPG 100 Year - Casual Red Rocks

Sunday, 5/5/2019

Moderate A

Leader: Andy Lyon, 719-630-1523, andyslyon@msn.com

Trail Mileage 6.5, Elevation Gain 500. Location: Help us celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Pikes Peak Group with an easy hike in Red Rocks Open Space. It's a gem right inside the city. We'll start early so we can finish and clean up before the 100th anniversary party. The exact route and mileage is still to be determined, but we'll go up the slightly less-traveled west side of the park until we find a nice view point to watch the city wake up. After a snack we'll meander down and check out the ruins of the quarry. If time permits, we'll check out some fossils on a ridge along the park's east side. We'll meet at 6:50 a.m. in the parking lot. Leader will determine which lot once he decides on the exact route. Hike will conclude no later than noon. Andy has been a trip leader for over five years and a Colorado hiker for a lot longer than that. If you want to see who you'd be hiking with, you can do that [here](#).

PPG 100 Year - Rock Climbing Cheyenne Canon

Sunday, 5/5/2019

Sport Lead

Leader: Darren Funk-Neubauer, 719-597-2397, darren.funkneubauer@csupueblo.edu

Trail Mileage 0.5. Details: The Pikes Peak Group will be celebrating it's 100 year birthday this weekend! We will rock climb in Cheyenne Canyon. Trad, sport lead, and top-roping will be available; difficulty of climbs will depend on the groups' skills and abilities. We will finish the day with enough time to get to the celebration dinner the same evening. This trip is for Pikes Peak Group members only. You must have completed our BMS-Rock Climbing class to attend.

PPG Scrambling Class Field Day

Saturday, 5/11/2019

Scramble

Leader: David Kuenzli, 813-465-4716, navsareneverlost@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 2, Elevation Gain 500, Driving Distance 5. Location: Section 16 Trailhead off of Gold Camp Rd. at 7:30am. We will hike in and do a ridge climb. Details: Must have attended the classroom session on Wednesday, 8 May, 2019 to participate in this scramble.

Ice Cave Creek Trail Stewardship

Saturday, 5/18/2019

Moderate

Leader: Thomas Mowle, 719-216-3932, tommowle@yahoo.com

Trail Mileage 4.5, Elevation Gain 1200. Location: Palmer Lake. Details: Trail work/day hike. Ages 16+; under 18 requires parent/guardian to accompany. Bring your lunch. It's hard to believe that this marks five years since we finished building this trail! It's holding up pretty darn well, but it's time to do some maintenance and repair in some areas. The goal (besides not getting hurt and having fun) is to leave this trail in good shape for many years to come. Volunteers will have a short, but sometimes steep hike up the

Palmer Reservoir Road to the work site. Volunteers must bring work clothes and gloves, water, snacks, sunscreen, and hat. This project is open to the public. If you are a CMC member, it is recommended that you log on to register; non-CMC members will have to sign a liability waiver. Once the project is full, we will not be able to accommodate any additional volunteers. 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 waitlist if the trip is full.

Florissant Fossil Beds NM Loop

Saturday, 5/18/2019

Moderate C

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 13, Elevation Gain 1000, Driving Distance 70. Location: Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument. Details: Come enjoy the extended trails of this local National Monument. We will venture off the tourist paths to the extended trails in this wonderful area. Historic sites, wildlife, and many photo opportunities are common along this trail. Park entry fee per person required. This trip is primarily intended for Pikes Peak and Pueblo Group members. All others will be waitlisted. Nat Geo Map 137. Register with leader.

Pancake Rocks

Saturday, 5/18/2019

Moderate B

Leader: Debbie Sheinman, 719-635-7720, sheindk@yahoo.com

Trail Mileage 6, Elevation Gain 1400, Driving Distance 60. Location: We'll hike the Pancake Rocks trail between Divide and Cripple Creek on Hwy. 67 south. Let's meet at the Red Rocks Safeway (32nd and Colorado) in Colorado Springs. We'll carpool heading west on Hwy. 24 to Divide and turn south onto Hwy. 67. We'll park near the old Midland Railroad Tunnel. We'll then head east up the trail to the intersection for Horsethief Falls and Pancake Rocks. We'll then head south up the steep switchbacks to the top of the ridge, drop down into a ravine, head back uphill to the southwest, and finally level out near the end of our hike. Pancake shaped rocks will come into view at the end. We can scramble up some of the rocks, if participants wish to do so. We will return via the same route. Please bring lunch, at least 2L of water, rain gear, warm layers, and ice walkers as we may encounter some ice on the trail. Our starting elevation will be about 9100 ft. and the elevation at the end will be approximately 10,500 ft. Weather may be quite changeable. For Woodland Park participants: If you wish to meet us at the trailhead, please let me know ahead of time. We could also arrange to meet you at the Safeway in Woodland Park if you wish to carpool. Again, please contact me at least one day before the scheduled hike.

Harmonica Arch

Saturday, 5/18/2019

Moderate B

Leader: Denise Snow, 719-687-9576, denisedansnow@q.com

Trail Mileage 11.8, Elevation Gain 1260 (+ 1300). Location: We will start at the Goose Creek TH. Details: This is a good early season hike in the Lost Creek Wilderness. Starting at the Goose Creek TH we will hike the Goose Creek trail until the second bridge crossing. Here we will take a narrow, steep non maintained trail to Harmonica Arch. Along the way we hike on top of massive rocks and view the arch from below and on top. This part of the hike is only five miles round-trip with 1260-ft EG, but is great preparation for our hike on the Besseggen ridge in Norway. If the weather is good and everyone wants to extend the hiking we can retrace our path to the second bridge crossing and continue up the Goose Creek trail to the Shaft House historical buildings. **No tickets left.***

Lower Fish Canyon Backpack and Natural Bridges NM Day Hikes

Saturday, 5/25/2019

Difficult D

Leader: Eric Hunter, 719-266-9647, EHunterCMC@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 35, Elevation Gain 1500, Driving Distance 950. Location: Cedar Mesa, Grand Gulch, UT. Bears Ears National Monument, UT. Details: Come enjoy an extended backpack trip through this Ancestral Puebloan cliff ruins and rock art canyon of the Cedar Mesa area of Utah. We will see some of the best-preserved ruins and rock art of the southwest as well as enjoy an incredible canyon adventure. We will backpack up Lower Fish Canyon to near the junction on day 1. We will backpack down Fish Canyon to the TH on day 2. There are many rock art and ruin sites on this portion. We will day hike into McLoyd Canyon to visit Moonhouse Ruins day 3. We will day hike through White Canyon and Armstrong Canyon in Natural Bridges National Monument on day 4. There are incredible rock formations and ruins on this portion. We will car camp in BLM land before and after the backpack. There may be some extra credit canyons or sites before and after Fish Canyon as well. There is a non-refundable, required \$35 fee to reserve your spot due by 15 May. This trip is intended for those who have completed the Pikes Peak Group Canyoneering Course. All others will be wait listed. Nat Geo Map 706. Register with leader. **No tickets left.***

Dixon Trail to Dragon's Backbone - Cheyenne Mtn State Park

Saturday, 5/25/2019

Difficult

Leader: Denise Snow, 719-687-9576, denisedansnow@q.com

Trail Mileage 15.5, Elevation Gain 3000. Location: Cheyenne Mountain State Park. Meet at the Visitor's Center parking lot. Details: We will start on the Talon trail and then take the North Talon trail. We then will connect to the Dixon trail and long switchbacks will take us up through the valley, past stunning rock formations, and even a 1957 plane crash site. We will eventually reach the Dragon's Backbone, a 0.85 mile one-way trail that the Park rates as extreme. This trail follows the rocky ridgeline that comprises the top of Cheyenne Mountain. The views from atop its overlooks are worth every grueling, rocky step. There are a few places with easy scrambling and mild exposure. If everyone one is up for it, we will scramble to the top of Robber's Roost, a spectacular viewpoint of Colorado Springs and the surrounding area.

Thunderbirds Airshow from Eagle Peak

Thursday, 5/30/2019

Scramble

Leader: David Kuenzli, 813-465-4716, navsareneverlost@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 3, Elevation Gain 1850, Driving Distance 20. Location: Air Force Academy and Pikes National Forest (Eagle Peak). Details: Difficult class 2 scramble up "Eagle Peak" on the Air Force Academy/USFS property to view the Thunderbirds graduation airshow. The "Eagle Peak" trail is an unofficial trail and route that climbs nearly 2000 vertical feet in 1.5 miles. It's steep, is mostly class 2 with a few sections of difficult class 2. We'll use the Monument Park & Ride (I-25 exit 161) as our rally and carpool location. From there, we'll drive onto the Air Force Academy. Everyone needs a valid ID and drivers will also need proof of vehicle registration and insurance. We'll be on federal property so adhere to federal law restrictions. Suggest AWD or good traction tires to drive steep gravel road to TH. Anticipate 60-75 minutes to climb to summit, although those in very good shape complete it in half that time. Bring a camp chair plus your 10 Essentials. We'll have lunch on the summit while we watch the Thunderbirds perform their airshow! The airshow begins at approximately 12:00 pm and lasts about 30 minutes. Well-behaved and adventurous dogs allowed but make sure you bring a leash. Small dogs might have trouble with some of the scrambling sections but probably can be lifted up. Notes: For fitness, you need to be ready for a steep and challenging climb.

**You may want to get on the waitlist in case participants cancel.*

Trip Leader Trail Status

Trip Leaders, I am very excited to report that the PPG Council has approved the business rules for the Trip Leader Incentive Program. Starting January 1st, 2019, each calendar year every trip leader who leads one or more trips totaling a minimum of 25 participants will earn a \$75 rebate towards either a future PPG class or their annual membership. Additionally, we will sponsor a series of career awards. Trip leaders will be able to qualify for various levels over their PPG trip leader tenure. The Bronze level has a requirement of 50 career participants and the leader will earn a logo'd performance T-shirt. The Silver level has a requirement of 100 career participants and the leader will earn a logo'd performance hoody. The Gold level has a requirement of 250 career participants and the leader will earn a logo'd jacket. There are several rules governing this program. First, the program begins this calendar year and past year contributions will not be credited. Second, the trips associated with CMC classes will not count. Third, the trips must be listed on the CMC website, executed in accordance with the club's trip policies, and properly and timely "completed" on the CMC website. With that said, I'd like to highlight a trip from last month. Dean Waits led 26 members and guests on a wonderful hike through Fox Run Regional Park to view and learn about our region's culturally modified trees. Here's what he had to say about leading the trip:

Not everyone's heard of the culturally modified trees we have in our area and we're so fortunate to have so many magnificent specimens in Fox Run Park. It was my pleasure to lead this trip, along with author John Anderson, to learn more about these very interesting unnamed historical monuments. Created by Native Americans, primarily the Ute in our area, they are being researched to try to understand and learn more about them. There were 26 people in attendance but was great to meet and have 11 guest within that number. We are blessed to have so much history in our area. I really enjoy leading trips and try to add some information whether historical, some aspect of nature or something other than just the exhilaration from being outside on a wonderful hike. One of my favorite trips has to be Barr Camp in the winter as have been dragging folks up there for the past several years. It's such a great destination to hang out and visit with not only the PPG members but the caretakers or others there.

I'm so glad to see several members signed up to become Trip Leaders, adding more diversity to our trips and continuing our legacy past the Pikes Peak Group's 100th Anniversary.

My hope is that this program motivates trip leaders, especially those newly certified, to lead trips meeting the needs of our members.

See you in the mountains... David Kuenzli

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