

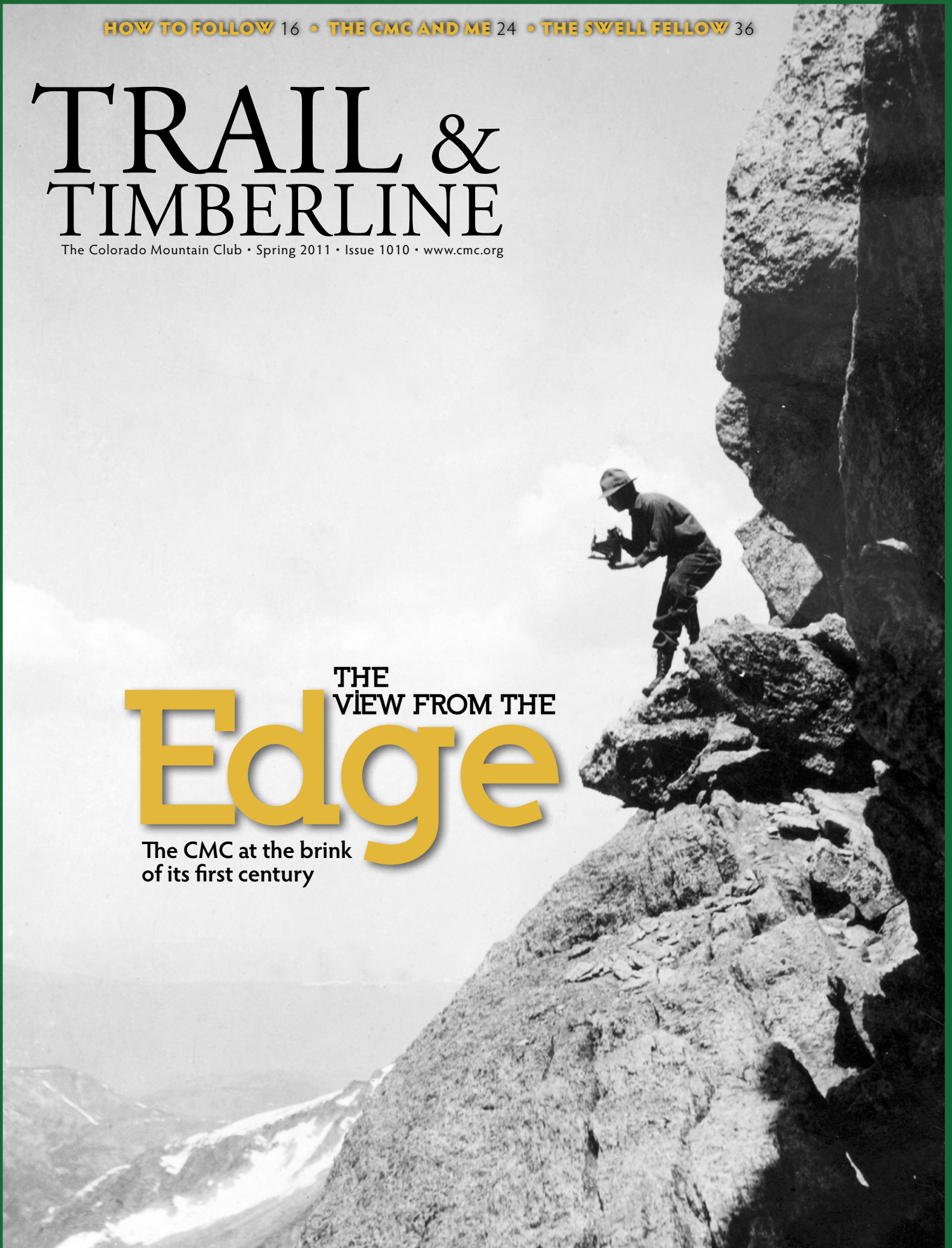
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LETTER FROM THE CEO

A MATCH MADE...ON A CMC HIKE



One of the most common things I hear from our members is, “I met my friends through the CMC.”

The Colorado Mountain Club is a great organization, well known for the many offerings we have for members and the people of Colorado. But one offering that I’m not sure we talk about enough is the club’s way of helping us make friends,



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find partners, and, sometimes, even unite us with the loves of our lives. It seems that not a month goes by that I don’t talk with a couple who met through the CMC. I sometimes joke

that we should market ourselves as match-makers! How about a couples dance for Valentine’s Day?

The CMC has changed quite a bit since our introduction in 1912, but the part of our club that will never change is the camaraderie and relationships to be found nowhere else.

In fact, I want to share one of my favorite CMC stories about finding friendship—and then some.

Robert Forrest was visiting Colorado

from New Jersey back in 1979. While out hiking, he came upon a CMC group and decided to join them. That was the day he met an energetic blond woman named Kerry. Robert and Kerry hiked a few times together with the club during the week he was in town. They clearly liked each other, but as we all know, long-distance relationships are hard. They went their separate ways.

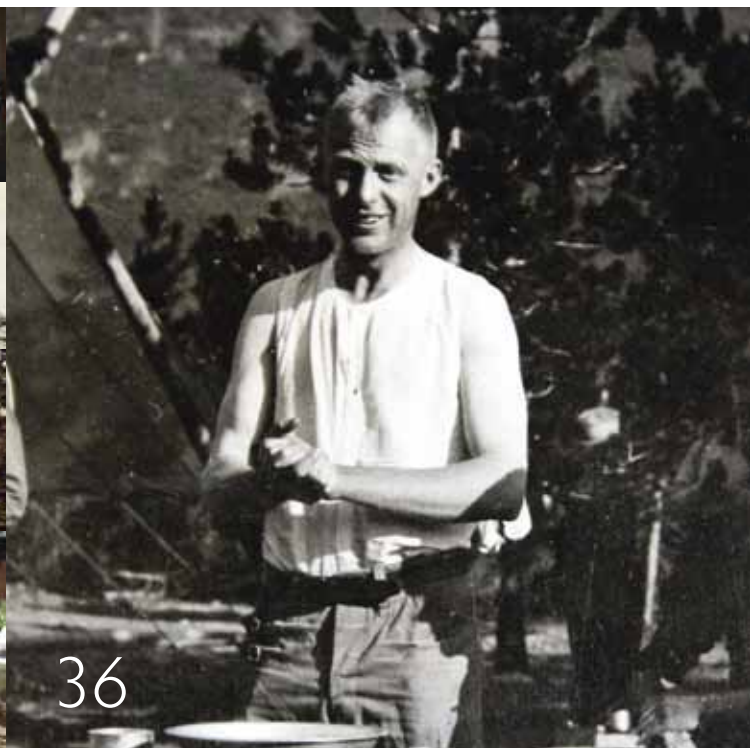
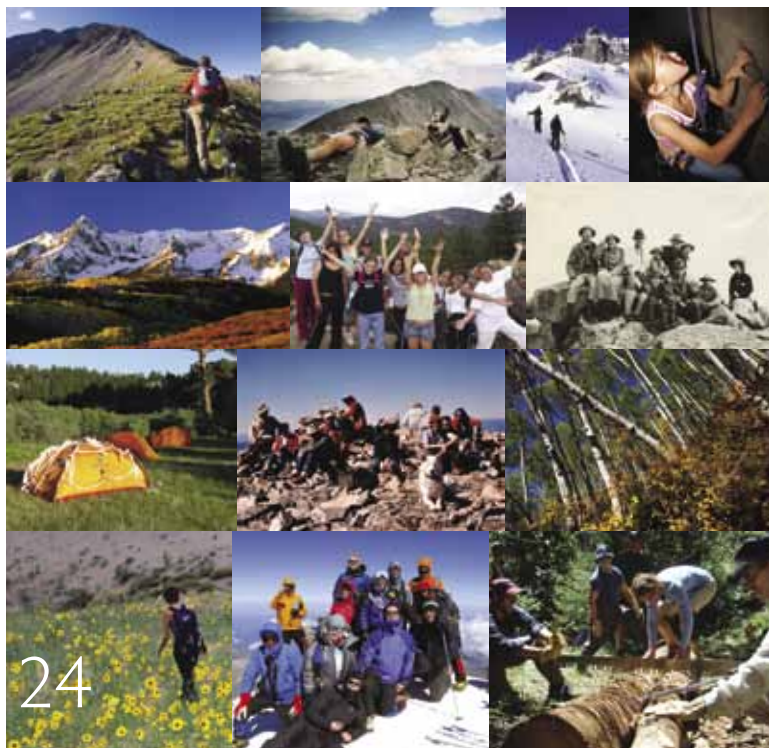
Three decades later, through that wonderful technology called Google, Robert found Kerry and sent her an email. It only took Kerry two hours to respond! But it didn’t end at email. Robert moved to Colorado, and the two were married in July 2010. Robert and Kerry asked us to find the summit register that they both signed on their first trip together. We did so, and the register became a main attraction at their wedding. I hope you’ll enjoy the pictures of Robert and Kerry. Congratulations!

May others find the friend, partner, or love that they’ve been searching for on a CMC trip to come.



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Katie Blackett
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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The Colorado Mountain Club means so many things to so many people: a lifetime of adventure, family tradition, skills, friends, camaraderie. Three longtime members share their stories of what the club has meant to them.

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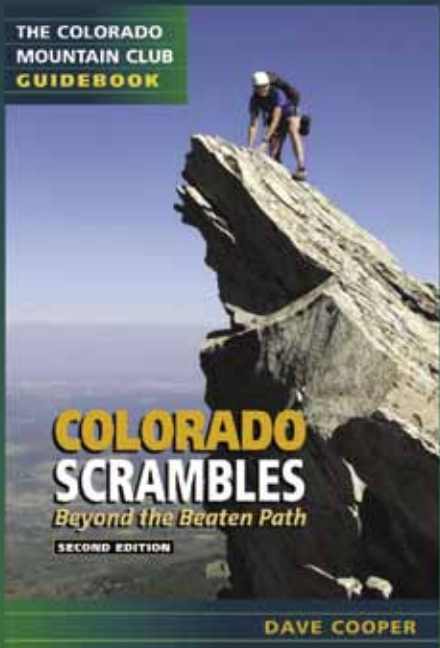
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THE FUTURE OF STEWARDSHIP

THE COLORADO OUTDOOR STEWARDSHIP FORUM IS A HUGE SUCCESS

BY BRYAN MARTIN, DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION, AND
LISA CASHEL, LAND PARTNERSHIPS MANAGER

DURING THE PAST 25 YEARS, more Coloradans have become active participants in protecting our natural resources and public lands. They have contributed through volunteerism, advocacy, and policy efforts, and with financial support. Simultaneously, public land agencies have grappled with management issues that put demands on their limited human and financial resources, fighting against the impact of budget shortfalls, the challenges of maintaining recreational areas as public demand increases, and the management of changing habitats due to an expanding population and challenging environmental influences. Place-based stewardship organizations and the establishment of volunteer programs within natural resource agencies have emerged as a means of addressing these concerns, albeit with variable degrees of success.

So, it was time to bring together leaders from across Colorado who struggle with these challenges at the Outdoor Stewardship Forum, the first known event of its kind in the United States. The Colorado Mountain Club and Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, along with the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative, Continental Divide Trail Alliance, Backcountry Horsemen, International Mountain Bicycling Association, Rocky Mountain Field Institute, Colorado Mountain Bike Association, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, Bureau of Land Management, United States Forest Service, and Colorado State Parks planned the event to provide an environment to better understand and mitigate these issues.

In November 2010, over 150 individuals from across Colorado gathered at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden. More than 20 leaders and decision makers from around the country volunteered their time and expertise in roundtable sessions. The sessions were designed to provoke ideas for smaller, action-planning sessions that would aid in the development of short-,

medium-, and long-term strategies to build, strengthen, and coordinate Colorado's stewardship efforts.

The overarching theme of the two-day event was "Civic Engagement as a Natural Resources Stewardship Strategy: Mobilizing a Million People Who Love Colorado." Our goals were to elevate the importance of citizen engagement in Colorado's outdoor stewardship; establish coordinated ways to

meet burgeoning resource needs while appealing to the diverse populations who call Colorado home; build effective collaborative programmatic and funding partnerships between outdoor volunteer organizations and agency-based volunteer programs; conceive a sustainable coalition of partners to develop and implement innovative strategies; and secure commitments to continue to work together to launch this initiative.

In the end, a number of conclusions were drawn to strategically coordinate civic engagement—what could be called a volunteerism movement. First, the forum participants suggested forming an active and diverse alliance to strengthen efforts, with a reasonable, formal financial commitment. They also recommended that a lobbyist be acquired to educate and advocate for legislative issues affecting stewardship. It was agreed that further research was appropriate to demonstrate stewardship needs in a standardized format and prioritized plan. This needs- and demands-assessment, or gap analysis, would identify areas of greatest need and set the highest priority areas.

Further recommendations included working with Governor Hickenlooper's administration to ensure stewardship is a priority during his term, and collaborating with stakeholders outside of volunteer-based organizations and land management agencies to educate them about the interconnectivity between stewardship and public health, environmental health, and economic vitality. Finally, an effort to educate the public about the significance of stewardship and their role in safeguarding Colorado's precious resources through a comprehensive communications campaign was recommended.

The forum came to a conclusion with an address by Senator Mark Udall, who commended the innovation and intentions of the proposed stewardship movement and offered his support to work together to accomplish the identified goals. Δ



GETTING LOST ON THE PLAINS

THE YOUTH EDUCATION PROGRAM HEADS TO LA JUNTA FOR ORIENTEERING

BY HEIDI POTTER, YEP COORDINATOR AND SUMMER PROGRAM DIRECTOR

WE KNEW WE WERE ALMOST TO LA JUNTA by the smell. Then we saw the cows, stacked nearly on top of each other, climbing mounds of dirt and poop as if playing King of the Corral. Feedlots dotted the landscape like mountains do here in the Front Range.

This is not our typical landscape for teaching, but Stacy Wolff, my fellow YEP instructor, and I had been called to the plains for an outreach class. The entire fourth grade at La Junta Intermediate

interested and further their learning.”

So we got to work. We set up two orienteering courses in the afternoon, just as the sun was going down. The next morning, we double-checked our courses and made last-minute adjustments to the lessons. We taught 83 students (in small groups of 15) the basic components of a compass, how to use the compass, and how to follow a bearing. One group, a little more advanced, even learned to take a bearing. We also taught students how to read a topographic map by playing a bingo game.

After the lessons, we put their skills to the test. With pre-determined bearings to follow, students used their compasses to navigate an orienteering course, similar to a scavenger hunt. At each point they were presented with a question about nature and had to decide on the correct answer as a group. Once students finished the hunt, we reviewed questions and answers so that they could also take away some knowledge of the environment, weather, and mountain safety.

At the end of each class, we collected the compasses. To our delight, some students were reluctant to give theirs back because they had so much fun and wanted to use it for the rest of the day. Many students asked where they could buy their own compass, and we told them to look for them at REI, or to look up Suunto compasses online and order them directly. We also suggested they look into self-directed learning and in the creation of their own orienteering course once they had their compasses. According to teachers at the school, several students have purchased their own compasses since the class.

The trip to La Junta proved successful in many ways. Not only did we meet the needs of teachers in a resource-challenged city, but we helped students learn to have fun outside. And, we taught a few skills, some vocabulary words, and a little teamwork along the way, too. Δ



School wanted to learn about maps and compasses. You might ask, “Why?” especially considering these students live on the plains and have little use for a compass. Well, one of their teachers showed them a segment about orienteering on the kids’ television show, *Reading Rainbow*, and it immediately got the students interested.

“They thought it looked like fun, so I looked around for someone to come teach them about it,” stated the teacher. “When they’re interested in something, we find resources to keep them



If you'd like to learn how to use a compass, or just want to know more about the Youth Education Program, check out our website at www.cmc.org/yes. Or attend the free Get Outdoors Colorado event on Saturday, June 11, 2011. Learn more at www.getoutdoorscolorado.org/.

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STEWARDSHIP EFFORTS IN 2011

BY LISA CASH, LAND PARTNERSHIPS MANAGER

CMC GROUPS VOLUNTEERING ACROSS COLORADO

Did you know that the Shining Mountains group works in Rocky Mountain National Park every week or that the Pikes Peak group has adopted a trail? Many of the CMC groups are continuing efforts to restore habitat and trails in their regions. Please check the CMC activity schedule or contact your local group to learn more about volunteer opportunities. Local projects have included short hikes to monitor wilderness, hut stewardship, and trail reconstruction. No experience is necessary—just bring your energy!

The CMC state office is working to provide resources such as GPS units, tools, volunteer recruitment ideas, and goodies to groups across the state.

FRIENDS OF THE MOUNTAINS

CMC's state stewardship program welcomes existing and prospective members to participate in a slate of exciting projects across Colorado in 2011. Our mission is to connect people to the wildlands for which we advocate; we accomplish this through strategic

partnerships with other nonprofits and land management agencies. We also have the capacity to undertake multi-day projects that include backpacking and camping for our adventure seekers. Stewardship of Colorado's natural resources is a long running thread through the history of the CMC, starting with our involvement in the designation of Rocky Mountain National Park and continuing today with volunteer projects for adults and youth throughout the state. While volunteers are not required to have any previous trail work or monitoring experience, CMC is always looking for new and energetic leaders to help lead our trips and manage our projects.

Trainings are available each year and we invite any members or existing CMC trip leaders to consider leadership within our stewardship program. Just like other CMC activities, our program builds camaraderie, teaches new skills, and allows us all to give back to the trails and resources we love to explore year in and year out. Whether the

mountains are your sanctuary or your classroom, make this your year to contribute to the stewardship legacy of the CMC for your enjoyment and for future generations. See our tentative 2011 schedule below and visit www.cmc.org/stewardship for up-to-date information and registration. Spaces may be limited, especially on wilderness projects, so sign up early.

Finally, please consider a financial contribution through our conservation giving program—\$50 will train a new volunteer crew leader and \$100 will help us purchase food, gear, and equipment for our backcountry work camps. Please direct any questions about our program to stewardship@cmc.org or 303-996-2764.

ACCESS UPDATE

The Colorado Mountain Club and partners have made great progress in our relationships with private landowners at Wilson Peak and the Lincoln/Democrat/Bross massif. Negotiations are ongoing concerning

easements for public access on these popular fourteeners. Access to Wilson Peak through Silver Pick Basin remains closed, as does the summit of Mount Bross. Please take care in planning your CMC outings and personal trips accordingly. Those wanting to climb Wilson Peak have several other options available to them including the Navajo Trail and the Lizard Head Trail. The Lizard Head Trail can be accessed from either Sunshine Mesa Road or from the trailhead at Lizard Head Pass on US Highway 145. Please use the Bross bypass trail when doing the Lincoln/Democrat/Bross loop. Our partner, the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative, has detailed access information on their website, www.14ers.org. Your support of our work will ensure that future access to these trails is not jeopardized. As always, when hiking or climbing on private land, please stay on the trail and respect all signage. CMC members have always been and continue to serve as models for the recreation community—we thank you for that! Δ

DATE	EVENT	DESCRIPTION	PARTNER
April 16-17	Crew Leader Training – Multiple Locations	For first-time crew leaders or brush-up for returning crew leaders	Outdoor Stewardship Institute
Seven Saturdays in March and April	Fourmile Fire Restoration, Boulder County	Various landscape and habitat restoration projects (day trips)	Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, Boulder County, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, BLM, USFS
May 7	Earth Day Celebration, Golden	Various trail and restoration projects (day trip, family friendly)	REI Denver, Jefferson County Open Space
May 20-22	Gateway	Trail project and outdoor fun (camping or lodging)	Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado, BLM
June 4	National Trails Day, Colorado Springs	Trail project on section 16	CMC Pikes Peak group
July 21-24	Blanca Peak and Como Lake, San Luis Valley	Trail reroute at the lake, summit trail route designation and restoration (backpack)	Rocky Mountain Field Institute, US Forest Service Conejos Peak Ranger District
July 29-30	Castle Peak Wilderness Study Area, Eagle County	Hike and GPS trails to help BLM create new maps (overnight car camp)	BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office
July or August	10th Mountain Division Huts	Help our Backcountry Snowsports Initiative Partner prepare a hut for next winter (overnight at hut)	10th Mountain Division Hut Association
August	Staunton State Park, Conifer	Break ground on a new trail system in a new park! (day trips)	Staunton State Park, Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
August	Buckskin Pass and Willow Trail, Maroon Bells Wilderness	Trail restoration on the famous Maroon Bells Circuit (backpack)	USFS Aspen-Sopris Ranger District, Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers
August 20-21	Engineer Mountain, Silverton	Trail restoration and construction (overnight car camp)	USFS Columbine Ranger District, Mountain Studies Institute, Southwest Youth Corps
September 9-11	Hope Lake Trail, Telluride	Trail restoration (overnight camping)	USFS Norwood Ranger District
September 24	National Public Lands Day	Trail or restoration project (day trip)	State Parks, Open Space, USFS or BLM
All Summer	CMC's 14 groups	Various projects with CMC groups; check with each group.	Various Partners

A LOVE FOR THE LAND LIVES ON

BILL PIETY CREATES PERMANENT CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT FOR THE CMC

BY SARAH GORECKI, DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

LONG-TIME CMC MEMBER Bill Piety recently established a permanent conservation endowment of \$250,000 for the CMC, which will help the club continue its work to protect Colorado's landscapes far into the future.

Bill established the William D. Piety Perpetual Conservation Endowment with an initial gift of \$100,000 to the club in October 2010. He left the CMC an additional planned gift of \$150,000 through his will.

A member of the CMC since the early 1980s, Bill had climbed all of the fourteeners, and was undertaking the project of climbing Colorado's 100 highest peaks—the Centennial Peaks—when he was diagnosed with a rare form of terminal liver cancer in December 2009, at the age of 62.

The endowment establishes an enduring source of funding for the CMC's conservation work, including preserving wildlands, working towards wilderness protection for landscapes such as the Hidden Gems, and engaging CMC members and youth in stewardship projects throughout Colorado. We plan to honor Bill's gift by establishing the Piety Conservation Fellowship, which will fund one college student per summer to work on land protection projects with the CMC and jumpstart budding conservation careers.

Bill wanted to make a difference far into the future with his gift to the CMC. He noted more than once that, "Environmental issues aren't quickly solved." At least 10 percent of the endowment's earnings will be reinvested into the fund each year, ensuring that the endowment will provide a permanent source of funding for the CMC's conservation work.

Bill was a career geologist who was active as a member of the CMC and as the field-trips chairman of the Denver Gem and Mineral Guild. He was passionate about land conservation, and had been a long-time donor to both the conservation department of the CMC and to The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

Bill was traveling and living life to the fullest up to the week he passed away. He enjoyed visiting TNC properties such as the



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Zapata Ranch in the San Luis Valley. After a three-week trip to California to visit places he had loved while growing up, Bill passed away at home on October 29, 2010.

Bill wrote that he felt he was "ethically obligated to preserve the outdoors for future generations," and he wanted the CMC to tell his story to inspire others. His love for Colorado's landscapes lives on. We will truly miss him. Δ

FILMS FOR THE CAUSE

BACKCOUNTRY FILM FESTIVAL TRAVELS THE STATE IN SUPPORT OF BACKCOUNTRY SNOWSPORTS INITIATIVE

BY JAY HEETER, CAMPAIGNS COORDINATOR

THE COLORADO MOUNTAIN Club hosted the Backcountry Film Festival this year in support of its Backcountry Snowsports Initiative. Created by Winter Wildlands Alliance, the festival is in its sixth year of



existence. Each year, the festival includes clips from the hottest new backcountry ski and snowboard films, from producers like Teton

Gravity Research and Sweetgrass Productions. This year's shows included festival cuts of Chris Davenport's Antarctic exploration, "Australis," as well as Jeremy Jones' entirely non-motorized snowboarding adventures in "Deeper" and several other amazing films.

The CMC hosted five Backcountry Film Festival events this season. The Mountain Shop in Fort Collins hosted our first event, with lots of great gear given away as door prizes and beer provided by New Belgium Brewing Company. We also held very successful shows at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden, the Main Street Theater in Ouray, and in Aspen and Boulder. The Ouray show served as the world

premier of the new film "Switchback," produced by Adam Babcock. The film takes a close look at Colorado's special avalanche dangers and interviews several experts from around Colorado.

All together, the five shows have raised almost \$4,000 for the Backcountry Snowsports Initiative. The state and local CMC groups are raising money to help the U.S. Forest Service place education and enforcement winter rangers at user conflict hotspots like Red Mountain Pass near Ouray and Rabbit Ears Pass near Steamboat.

If your CMC group would like to host a showing of next year's festival, contact Jay Heeter at jayheeter@cmc.org. Δ

BY THE NUMBERS

MARKETING AND OUTREACH AT A GLANCE

By Rachel Scott, Marketing and Outreach Manager

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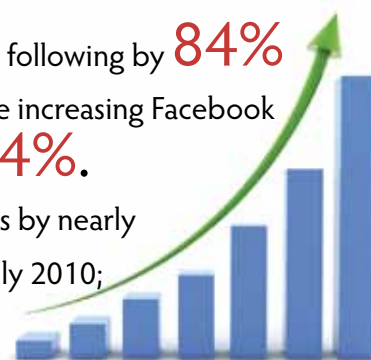
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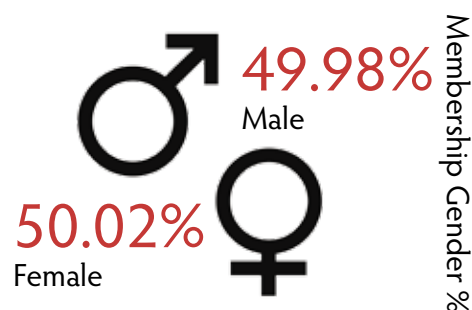
Increased Facebook following by **84%** since July 2010 while increasing Facebook interaction by **364%**.

Increased blog views by nearly **900%** since July 2010; **3,908** visits

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"Give the Gift of Membership" campaign implemented in November and December resulting in an increase in memberships by **3.8%** in the Denver group over the same period last year. Ad placement on tails and interiors of **30** RTD buses in the Denver and Boulder metro areas with the message exposed to **8,415,900** total over the month of December.



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HIDDEN GEMS 2.0: BUILDING MOMENTUM

CMC PRESSES FOR NEW WILDERNESS IN CENTRAL COLORADO

By JAY HEETER, CAMPAIGNS COORDINATOR

MOST CMC MEMBERS are familiar with, or have even helped, with our long-term grassroots wilderness campaign that we've called the Hidden Gems Wilderness Proposal. The proposal, which would grant the strongest federal protection available to hundreds of thousands of acres in central Colorado, enjoyed a tremendous success last fall with the introduction by Congress-

brought a change to the district with incoming Rep. Scott Tipton replacing outgoing Rep. John Salazar. The change is not expected to affect the wilderness campaign, however, as grassroots support for new wilderness continues to expand.

Since the election, both counties, which sit mainly in the 3rd Congressional District, passed measures supporting new wilderness.

of applause for their foresight and diligence," said Pitkin County Commissioner Rachel Richards. "The potential protection of wilderness designation will make available our public lands as an unparalleled gift to the natural environment and to future generations of Coloradans."

In 2011, Colorado Mountain Club and other Hidden Gems supporters will work

GLENN RANDALL



man Jared Polis of the "Eagle and Summit County Wilderness Preservation Act." Rep. Polis' bill would create wilderness in most of the Hidden Gems proposed areas within his district, nearly 170,000 acres in Eagle and Summit counties.

Effectively, this constitutes an introduction of roughly half of the Hidden Gems Proposal. Thus, the remaining lands in the 3rd Congressional District (mostly in Gunnison and Pitkin counties) have been rebranded as "Hidden Gems 2.0." The 2010 elections

The Pitkin County Commissioners endorsed Hidden Gems areas in the Roaring Fork Valley on November 17 by a 4-0 vote, and Gunnison County Commissioners endorsed areas in that county on December 7 by a 2-1 vote. These endorsements come on top of endorsements by scores of local businesses and organizations and thousands of local residents, endorsements that were noted by commissioners prior to their votes.

"The Hidden Gems supporters, staff, and multitude of volunteers deserve a round

to put a proposal for Pitkin and Gunnison counties before Congressman Tipton, and we will continue to work to pass Congressman Polis' wilderness bill as well.

"One of CMC's great strengths is the passion of our members," said Bryan Martin, CMC's Conservation Director. "When our members get engaged on an issue and keep at it, we can't help but meet with success. Our work on Hidden Gems 2.0 will ensure Colorado's best wildlands and recreation opportunities are protected for future generations." ▴

ONWARD AND UPWARD

WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR THE COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB

BY KATIE BLACKETT, CEO

EBENEZER SCROOGE SAYS THE THING HE FEARS THE MOST is the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come—the ghost of the future. We at the Colorado Mountain Club have no fear of the future and, in fact, embrace it and revel in the changes we need to make to thrive.

We can't talk about the future of a membership organization without talking about the national trend of volunteer and membership organizations. When you analyze the percentage of organizations that report growth in overall membership, new member acquisitions, and membership retention from 2009 to 2010, you see a consistent downward trend. In fact, all of the available data shows that, overall, membership organizations nationwide have begun a gradual decline since the mid-1990s. Some experts link the decline in both civic engagement and social capital on the pressures of time and money that individuals and families now face. Others mention the effect of electronic engagement. Lastly, almost all mention the generational change. History has shown that as generations pass through the normal civic life cycle, America sees waves of increasing membership and civic involvement. Baby boomers are the first generation to buck this trend.

"The boomers and their successors have not trod the same ascending civic path traced by previous generations," writes Robert Putnam, in his book *Bowling Alone*. He continues, "Political interest and participation, church attendance, community projects, charitable giving, organizational involvement—as we have seen, all these forms of civic involvement and more besides have declined largely, if not exclusively, because of the inexorable replacement of a highly civic generation by others that are much less so."

So what does all of this mean for the average American? In plain English, each generation becomes less and less of a "joiner." An article from the Non-Profit Resource Center sums it up in its report "Six Current Trends in Membership Organizations":

- ▶ Long-standing organizations have the advantage of name recognition but may have the disadvantage of a perception that is incorrect or possibly outdated.
- ▶ Oftentimes, volunteers are more inclined to respond to a cause than to join an organization.
- ▶ There have been exceedingly rapid changes (in technology and other areas) over the past decade and sometimes membership organizations are by their nature very slow to change: by-laws, and tradition-valued, long-term members of the organization who sing the chorus "but we've always done it that way...." New members trying to join do not find a home in an organization that is not open to new ways of serving.
- ▶ It is quite rare for a membership organization to effectively involve a number of generations, especially since there are so many differences in values, work ethic and style, and communication systems.
- ▶ A major threat to membership organizations is that there are so many new/other ways for people to spend their diminishing discretionary time.
- ▶ Universally, most membership organizations have problems in developing leadership. Often a core group of people will run the organization for years because, they say, no one else will do it. If that's the case, the leaders of the organization need to ask the question: "Why is no one interested in taking on leadership in our organization?"

Now some of you may be thinking, "you are talking about membership organizations like the Kiwanis Club, Rotary, and Lions Club." Let's take a look at membership trends among our other mountain club friends. Many clubs similar to us have had a decline in membership (both new and renewal) over

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the past years. These organizations are incredibly similar to the CMC and they have the same issues. Retention and new membership numbers are about the same for these organizations as for the CMC.

The national trends we see in outdoor recreation participation actually make us think that membership in outdoor clubs should go up! Although some reports tell us there is a national trend of declining per-capita participation in nature-based outdoor recreation, there is still some confusion around this topic because much of the data is taken from public land visitation and fishing/hunting licenses. Those are only two indicators of a much bigger outdoor world. Most other reports, such as the "National Survey on Recreation and the Environment" put out by the Forest Service, tell us that the number of outdoor participation days and people are actually increasing. The Outdoor Industry Association has put out the "Outdoor Recreation Participation Report" for the past four years and all four reports have shown good news—the percentage of adult Americans participating in outdoor recreation is increasing overall. Now the bad news: the percentage of youth who participate in outdoor recreation is decreasing. Over the past few decades, the mantra we all grew up with—"go outside and play"—is a mantra of the past. Our kids now play inside and most likely on a machine of

some type. Data from The Outdoor Foundation from the last four years shows that participation in outdoor recreation usually declines as we age.

Now that we've looked at all this compelling data, what does it mean for the future of the CMC? If membership is a declining trend, and the younger generations tend not to be "joiners," what does that mean? Your State Board of Directors and I will be sitting down this year to finalize a vision for the CMC's future. We will tackle this issue of declining membership.

Here are my personal thoughts. I believe we need to start looking at constituents in addition to members. How do people want to be a part of us? It seems the "one-size-fits-all" package of membership isn't going to be what is demanded in the future. I believe we need to offer our constituents different outlets to be a part of the CMC. I believe we need to compete directly with our competition—whether that's meetup.com, Yahoo groups, or something that hasn't yet been invented. My personal opinion is that we lose members because they choose to go outside and recreate with their friends or loved ones. Why don't we offer some last minute, very informal opportunities for our members? Our insurance dictates that the trips must go through our typical sign-up process, but we can have trips that CMC members go on as "unofficial" CMC trips. I love the idea of keeping our members together even if it isn't official. We also know that in the future, volunteers will want to give one day to a great cause. The busy adults may not be able to volunteer for a three-month school, but they can volunteer for a one-day trail project. How about workshops for the busy adult? Our schools are excellent. Having taken a CMC school, I think we offer an excellent experience, but the busier we get in our lives it's hard to give up two months. What about a one-day refresher course?

I often hear, "We need younger members." But without a young group of leaders, we can't attract or keep young members.

Think back to when you were 19 or 20 years old. I know that for me, all I thought about were boys. My 20-year-old self would abso-



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lutely go on a CMC trip if there was a cute, 24-year-old leading the trip! We need to build a young adult leader program.

The CMC relies heavily on revenues from foundations to fund our Youth Education Program as well as our conservation department. Without this grant money, these two departments would not exist. Times, they are a changin' for grant money as well. Most foundations' favorite word to hear is "partner." Foundations want nonprofits to start working together towards a cause, so we can have a greater impact. This is great news for the CMC because we have been a pioneer when it comes to partnering with other nonprofits. We have always teamed up with our like-minded friends to make incredible strides.

Over 50 percent of first-time participants in outdoor recreation said that a friend or family member encouraged them to get outside. We have always known that word of mouth is the best advertising the CMC can do. Please continue to bring your friends and family on CMC outings. We now have official guest passes you can hand out as an encouragement for prospective members to try us.

The final words Scrooge speaks in *A Christmas Carol* are, "I am not the man I was. I will not be the man I must have been but for this intercourse. Why show me this, if I am past all hope! I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach. Oh, tell me I may sponge away the writing on this stone!"

Here at the CMC we too must operate by honoring our founders and our historical roots, yet also strive to learn from those around us in the present and those great opportunities yet to come. This work can only be done by all of us working together. As a member and volunteer organization, staff and board members cannot accomplish these changes alone. This future is only attainable with the willingness and help from you all. I welcome

you to become an activist in the CMC and help us to enter the next 100 years of existence strong and prepared for the future! Δ

NO SHEEPIES HERE

"FOLLOWERSHIP" FOR MOUNTAIN ADVENTURERS

BY BRENDA PORTER, CMC DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION



Every good leader needs some good followers. I learned this as an outdoor leader in college and was reminded again last week at a CMC leadership conference where several people noted how different the CMC is from a professional guide service. As a club of enthusiastic mountain adventurers, the notion of follower (a.k.a. member, participant, or student) is especially important in the CMC. Sheepies—unquestioning sheep-like followers—have no place in the CMC.

Our volunteer leaders dedicate thousands of hours each year to helping club members and guests learn about and experience the mountains. Leaders plan, prepare, and communicate. But successful trips depend on CMC trip participants doing their part—being good followers. In essence, trip participants also need to plan and prepare for their trips, as well as communicate with the trip leader and other participants.

There are an abundance of books, articles, and trainings around the topic of leadership. Followership, however, sounds like an alien concept. An outstanding resource for both leaders and followers is the *AMC Guide to Outdoor Leadership* by Alex Kossef. The second edition of this comprehensive digest was released in 2010 by AMC Books.

Kossef uses the analogy of a three legged stool to illustrate the foundations of trip leadership, with technical skills, interpersonal skills, and judgment skills as the legs. These three areas must be balanced for a stool to remain level, or for a trip to remain balanced. Although the book is directed at outdoor leaders, there are nuggets for all outdoor enthusiasts. Vignettes from a wide variety of outdoor trips effectively illustrate Kossef's points. And, since he worked on risk management for the Appalachian Mountain Club for several years, he also includes examples from the mountain club perspective.

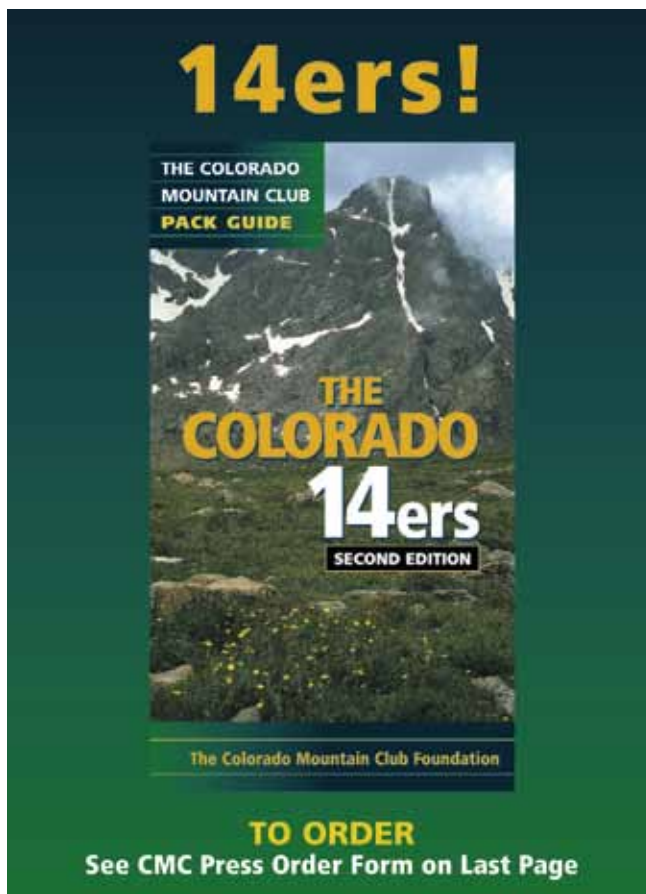
Let's look at the three pillars in a bit more detail.

Technical skills are the specific activity skills for the trip, whether it is the ability to hike 10 miles, tie a figure-eight knot, or traverse a knife-edge ridge. CMC trip ratings and descriptions help participants match their technical knowledge and ability to the activity. It is critical to evaluate your current physical condition and skill level—not what you were able to do last year, or five years ago.

Some of the other technical skills important for participants are weather awareness, basic first-aid, navigation, the concepts of Leave No Trace, and an understanding of the gear needed for the activity at hand.

While technical skills are essential, a three-legged stool cannot stand on one leg alone. Kossef emphasizes the need to consciously develop skills in the other two areas (interpersonal and judgment), which are sometimes neglected. He notes it is much easier to point out someone's poorly tied knot than it is to address an inappropriate comment or tell the group you need to stop to fix a hot spot on your foot when everyone else is charging forward to climb the peak.

The ideal interpersonal skill set for the backcountry is often described as "Expedition Behavior" (EB). It was developed by Paul Petzoldt, founder of the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) and Wilderness Education Association, a man who was well aware that successful group wilderness trips depend on human relationship skills. In *Outdoor Leadership*, Kossef explains EB through ten principles that are relevant to followers:



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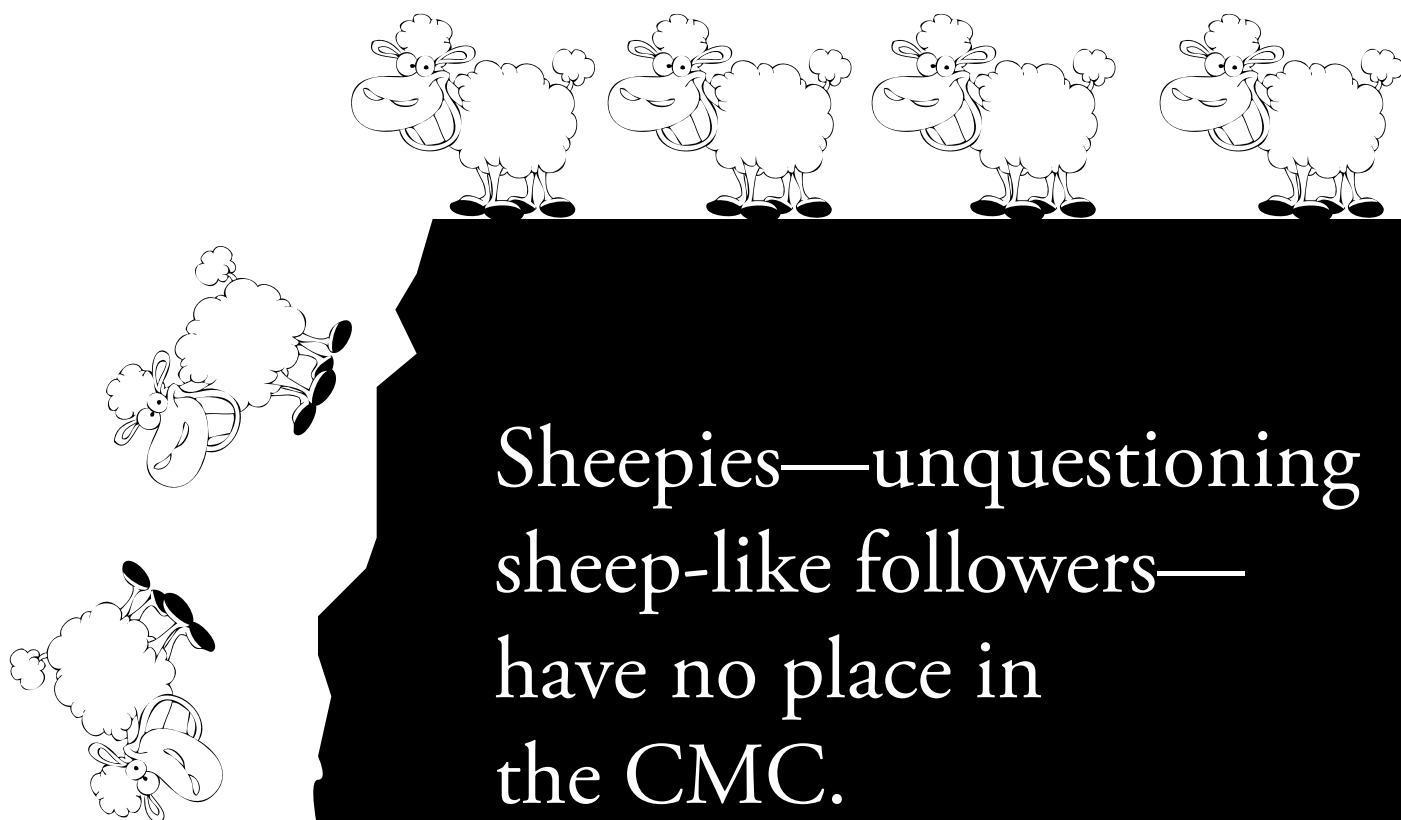
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- 1 **SELF AWARENESS** is fundamental, including awareness of both your physical and mental condition and needs.
- 2 **SELF LEADERSHIP** is the ability and initiative to take care of your own needs in a planned and respectful manner. For example, staying hydrated, adjusting your clothing to maintain optimal temperature, or taking care of hot spots on your feet before they become blisters means acting on self awareness, ideally in synch with the rest of the group.
- 3 **SELFLESSNESS** is the willingness to help out someone else on the trip when you are able, even when it means extra work.
- 4 **COMMITMENT** to the group goal, even if that means letting go of a personal objective while you are in the group. This is an important component of CMC trips—otherwise, why not just go on your own?
- 5 **TOLERANCE** for people who may be different from you is challenging, but can lead to greater understanding and awareness of your own issues. Try not to take offense or offend others and remember the trip won't last forever.
- 6 **CONSIDERATION AND EMPATHY** for others in the group is equivalent to the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."
- 7 **TRUST/TRUSTWORTHINESS** is a two-way street. If you carry out your part and show trust in your trip mates, they are likely to reciprocate.
- 8 **COMMUNICATION** should be focused on listening to other people's perspectives, as well as being honest yet tactful with your own position. If you have information that could be helpful to others, please share it.
- 10 **HUMILITY** is the perspective that no matter how skilled or experienced you are, there is an opportunity to learn and grow.
- 11 **SENSE OF HUMOR** helps to ease tensions and tough situations and make the trip fun. However, remember that teasing is not always welcome or appropriate in some situations.

Expedition Behavior is a tenet of many outdoor education programs and successful group trips. By incorporating these principles into trip preparation, along with the needed technical skills, CMC members will be the good followers needed for safe and fun adventures in the mountains. Δ



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SHARING A LIFETIME OF EXPLORATION



CHRIS CASE (6)

COLORADO IS MOUNTAINS. Colorado is plains. Colorado is mesas and canyons. Four national parks. Eight national wildlife refuges. Twelve national forests. Forty-two state parks. Forty-three wilderness areas.

Colorado is home to a wildly diverse landscape, one that takes years to explore and a lifetime to know.

But Colorado is also home to the Colorado Mountain Club, whose members have spent lifetimes exploring the land and are willing to share.

Here are some of the best hikes from some of our groups across the state.

the best of BOULDER

BY JIM GROH

LAKE ISABELLE ▶

2 miles
350 feet gained

It's hard to imagine a prettier lake at the end of a fairly easy, high-altitude hike. Surrounding the lake are forests and meadows, and on the skyline are the most jagged of the Indian Peaks. And, in summer, a sea of wildflowers. Start (early, for parking) at the Long Lake trailhead. Hike past Long Lake and on up to Isabelle. Stop at the lake, or explore around it, or continue on the trail to Pawnee Pass. A pleasant variation on the return is to take the Jean Lunning trail, which goes on the other side of Long Lake, rejoining the main trail near the trailhead.

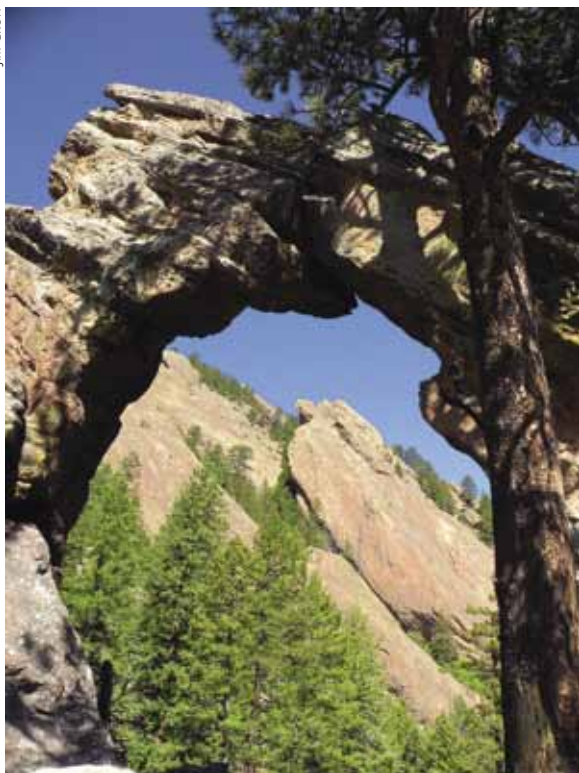


JIM GROH

◀ ROYAL ARCH

1.8 miles
1,200 feet gained

A little geologic wonder awaits you at the end of this heart-pounding trail. Start in the Chautauqua Park area. Hike up to the Bluebell Shelter via the road or a combination of the Chautauqua, Bluebell Mesa, and Bluebell-Baird trails. The Royal Arch trail starts near the shelter. Experience a forest, a rock field, a creek crossing, a steep pull up to a saddle known as Sentinel Pass, then a steep descent and climb back up to the arch. The arch is a fractured flatiron whose middle has fallen away, leaving a 30-foot-high hole. Go under the arch, surmount the table rock, and admire the view out over the city.



JIM GROH

the best of ASPEN

DONNA GRAUER



◀ SILVER CREEK PASS

Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness

This relatively short hike from remote Lead King Basin offers solitude and continuous visual rewards. It abounds in wildflowers from trailhead to pass, and its high, open terrain permits views of the goal and of massive surrounding peaks for the entire distance. At your highest point you'll rise above 12,000 feet and have climbed upwards of 1,600 feet.

the best of FORT COLLINS

GREYROCK TRAIL

Cache La Poudre Canyon
Highway 14
8.6 miles

Greyrock Trail is a 6- or 8-mile round-trip hike depending on which route you choose. Both routes start and return to the same location making a loop hike possible. This is a very popular trail given its proximity to Fort Collins. The summit of Greyrock is of geologic interest: It is a massive granitic intrusion that has weathered to its rounded shape through exfoliation. The summit block provides popular rock climbing routes. Watch for poison ivy along the way. Dogs on a leash are permitted.



CHRIS CASE

▲ BIG SOUTH TRAIL

From the Poudre Canyon, mile marker 75 on Highway 14

This hike follows the Cache La Poudre River upstream to Grass Creek at mile 3 and then on to a washed-out bridge at about mile 7. Parts of the trail are lovely flat strolls on pine needles at river level; other sections climb high on the wall of the river gorge; while still other sections cross large talus slopes. You will enjoy the big, open rock traverses, river views, wildflowers, and luxurious forest scenery.

the best of EL PUEBLO

TRINCHERA PEAK Elevation 13,517 feet

Trinchera Peak sits at the southern end of the Sangre de Cristo and Culebra ranges, across from West Spanish Peak. Twelve miles west of Walsenburg, turn off Highway 160 onto Highway 12 through Cuchara. About 4 to 6 miles south of Cuchara, take the road to Blue and Bear lakes, and travel about 4 miles. At the entrance to Blue Lake campground, turn left to a parking space 200 yards up a four wheel drive road. To do a 7-mile climb with 3,500 feet of elevation gain, park here. Those with four-wheel drive can continue as far as the ridge of the Sangres if desired, when the snowbanks are gone. The peak can be climbed from the end of the road, in about one half mile and 900 feet of elevation gain, with one “interesting” step.

However, the preferred route offers a late spring glissade, tundra full of wildflowers, and guaranteed sightings of elk and possibly bighorns. The approach road bisects stands of old growth. At 13,517 feet, Trinchera Peak is a warm-up for fourteeners, with views directly across to West Spanish Peak, and stretching from New Mexico to the Crestone and San Juan ranges.



Buddy Robbins

▲ WEST SPANISH PEAK Elevation 13,626 feet

Head to the Cordova Pass Trailhead: turn off onto Cordova Pass Road 6.25 miles past the town of Cuchara, then 6 miles to the trailhead on Cordova Pass Road. The parking lot sits at 11,248 feet; there is a \$5 charge.

This striking mountain holds everyone’s gaze as they drive by on I-25. It is the location of very unusual volcanic dikes radiating out from the summit like bicycle spokes.

Walk through beautiful meadows and forest for several miles, gaining and losing elevation, passing two well-marked turn-offs, until you reach the base of the rocky top. Hop from boulder to boulder for about a thousand feet of elevation gain. Enjoy endless 360-degree views, including those of the Sangre de Cristo Range.



Ed Biery

◀ LILY LAKE

To reach Lily Lake, start from the same trailhead as you would for Mount Lindsey, out of Gardner in the upper Huerfano River Valley. Just north of the hamlet of Gardner, turn west on CR 550. Continue about 20 miles, bearing left on Forest Service Road 580, where the road to Mosca Pass goes straight. A high-clearance vehicle is highly recommended and four wheel drive may be needed for the last half mile to the trailhead. The trail climbs 2,000 feet in under 3 miles.

There are spectacular views up the valley to Blanca Peak and its ridge to Mount Lindsey. A lush valley swarming with wildflowers and a bottomless lake under Ellingwood Point beckon you to this hike. Two-thirds of the way, find cabin ruins among old growth trees beside a bounding stream. Its cascade through ancient rock makes the last 300 feet of climbing relatively painless.

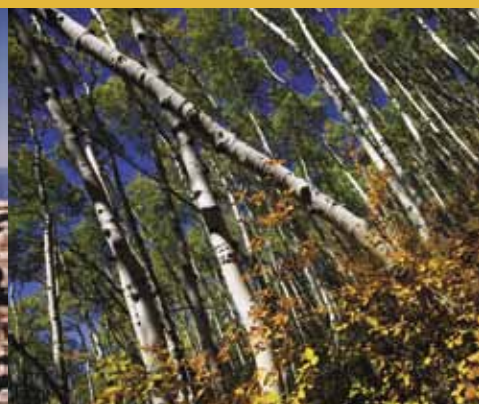
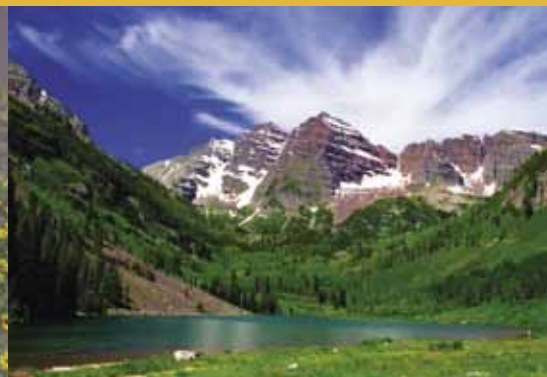


The CMC and Me





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UNDER THE SPELL

BY JAN ROBERTSON

BY THE TIME MY FATHER and I joined the Colorado Mountain Club in 1952, he'd been hiking in what is now Rocky Mountain National Park for more than 40 years. But Dad was curious about other mountains in the state and, as I now know, he wanted to climb fourteeners.

So we set off from our vacation cabin near Allenspark to attend our first-ever

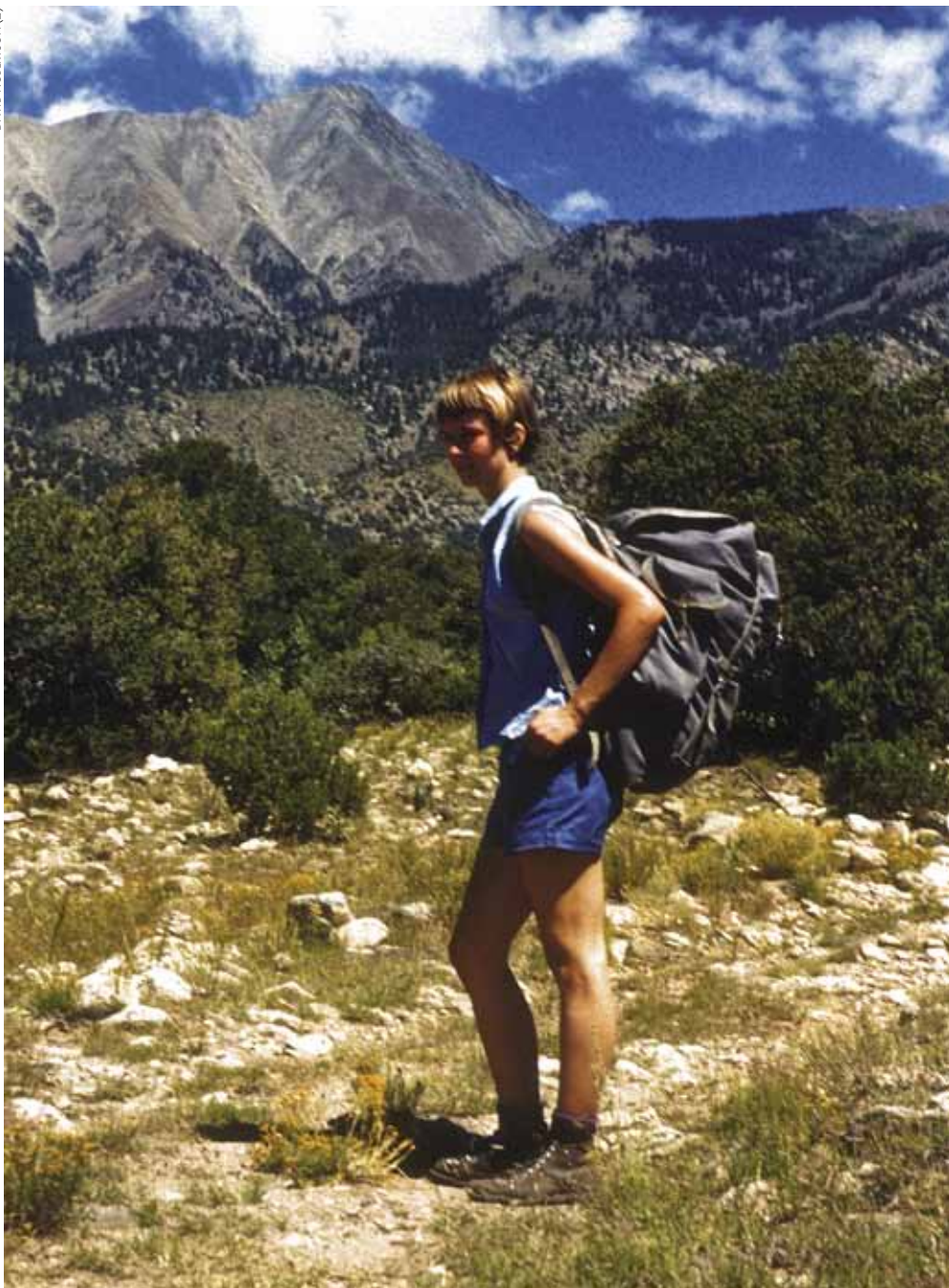
CMC event—the in-state outing near Ouray. On the trip down, we admired valleys and mountains we'd never seen before. Finally, we achieved Ouray where we connected to a very scary shelf road, eventually arriving at the CMC campsite just below the Camp Bird Mine. We pitched our army-surplus pup tents, and met the official leader of the outing, Bob Ellingwood. Many years

later, I realized that his father, Albert, had been one the club's—and Colorado's—most revered climbers.

On Mount Sneffels, Bob taught Dad and me how to rappel. Then he showed us how to run down what must have been a virgin scree slope, for I have never again slid five or six feet with each stride.

Dad and I marveled at the people we

DAVID ROBERTSON (2)



◀ THEN JANET NEUHOF, THE AUTHOR, USING A BERGEN BACKPACK, SETS OFF TO CLIMB LITTLE BEAR PEAK. ONE MEMBER OF THE PARTY, ROY HOLUBAR, OBTAINED PERMISSION TO PARK AT THE TRINCHERA RANCH. SO, THEY APPROACHED THE MOUNTAIN FROM A DIFFERENT SIDE THAN THAT OF TODAY'S COMMONLY USED ROUTE.

▼ STILL VENTURING INTO THE MOUNTAINS, JAN ROBERTSON HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB FOR NEARLY 60 YEARS.





NORMAN NEUHOFF, THE AUTHOR'S FATHER, CROSSES THE LAS ANIMAS RIVER IN 1952. THE METHOD SHOWN HAS LONG SINCE BEEN REPLACED BY A BRIDGE.

met: different folks conducted flower walks, gave an after-dinner lecture, or played guitar while we sang around a campfire. A small party climbed Teakettle, which looked impossible to Dad and me. And we rode in a Jeep for the first time ever. Our destination was a “fly camp” several hours away, from which we’d attempt some of the rugged fourteeners near Telluride.

The next day, soon after we left our camp to climb Mount Wilson, we passed the Silver Pick Mine. Some of the Denver members explored the inside of an abandoned building, later commenting that it was like a lamasery in the Himalayas. I had no idea what they were talking about. It wouldn’t be until 40 years later, when I was doing research on CMC and American Alpine Club member, Betsy Cowles, for a book, that I trekked in Nepal and learned that a “lamasery” is a Nepalese monastery.

By the end of the outing, Dad and I had become enthralled with the CMC and with our companions, who’d been so wonderfully welcoming and who’d taught us how to negotiate many kinds of terrain. Many years later, after I’d been on several trips run with a very different kind of attitude, I came to realize that our first CMC trips had been led by people who exemplified how to do it.

By the end of summer, influenced by the CMC outing and the great individuals we’d met, I had decided to attend the University of Colorado the following year. In early September our family of four piled into the car, headed down the South St. Vrain Canyon and kept driving east until we reached our home in St. Louis. There we settled back into the familiar patterns of urban life. But Dad and I had changed. We’d been smitten with what the poet (and CMC member) Belle Turnbull called “mountain

madness.” Not surprisingly, some 60 years later, I can still say the same thing.

The next summer, Dad and I signed up for the CMC outing in the Needle Mountains, co-sponsored by the American Alpine Club, with little overlap between the two groups. Our leader was Dr. Henry Buchtel, a delightful man who had led a successful first ascent of the West Buttress route on Mount McKinley (now referred to as Denali) the previous year. That climbing party had included a 20-something year old Barry Bishop, who was now joining us in the Needles.

This outing was even more of an eye-opener for me than the previous one had been.

Fifty club members boarded the narrow gauge railroad in Durango, which ran only three days a week at that time. Some of us shared a car with rather unfit-looking members of the Grandmother’s Club of



AFTER HER WEDDING RECEPTION AT MEEKER PARK LODGE ON JUNE 16, 1956, THE AUTHOR (ACCOMPANIED BY, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, HER BROTHER, GEORGE, HER HUSBAND, DAVID, AND ALICE HOLUBAR) SHOWS OFF THE FIRST DOUBLE SLEEPING BAG EVER MADE BY ALICE.

Chicago, who seemed incredulous when our motley crew got off at Needleton. As Ginnie Boucher recalled, in an article she wrote for her husband, Stan, who was in Korea, this place was truly “in the middle of nowhere.”

No bridge spanned the roiling Las Animas River, and I soon realized to my horror, that the only way to reach the other side was to ride a little platform that was a few inches above the water and attached to an overhead cable. Once across, I put on my wretchedly-designed army-surplus pack and began what I recall as a slow, steady 6-mile slog up to a spectacular campsite already occupied by Ted Lee, our cook from Canada. He’d packed in with horses and set up the kitchen and dining tents. This was 1952, and the high mountains on the Western Slope were nearly deserted.

We were surrounded by peaks and spires that appeared to me to be unclimbable. However, once again, our leaders were solicitous and careful, ensuring that we were safe even when the route was exposed. Somebody taught me how to descend a long snowfield using an ice axe. I was thrilled.

After a day up high, we would arrive in camp and clean up a bit. Then, while I hung out with some of the other teenagers, I observed that my father would join the grown-ups congregating at certain tents, filling their tin cups with some brown liquid that seemed to make them talk and laugh a lot. I’m sure they must have swapped stories about the porcupines.

The critters were prolific and, as soon became evident, hungry for the salt impregnated in the wooden shafts of ice axes left

outside tents at night. However, somebody figured out that wicked steel points were good for more than sliding down steep snow. And, as I learned later, our packer didn’t hesitate to protect his good leather saddles with a .38-caliber Smith and Wesson. After a while, the “porcupine problem” pretty much disappeared.

One especially charming couple from Denver, Frank and Winona Campbell, both physicians, mentioned they were planning an African trip to climb a mountain called “Kilimanjaro.” I hadn’t realized that Africa had big mountains. I suspected few people in St. Louis knew it either, but if they had, I was sure they wouldn’t be adventurous enough to want to stand on top of one. Little did I imagine that in 1995 my husband and I would climb it.

But Dad and I had changed. We'd been smitten with what the poet (and CMC member) Belle Turnbull called "mountain madness." Not surprisingly, some 60 years later, I can still say the same thing.

The days unfolded with just enough adventure to keep our spirits high and then all hell broke loose. After Barry Bishop led a successful climb of Twin Thumbs, he placed a piton in the rock to hold his rope, and rappelled down a cliff. However, when Phyllis Anderson, from Wisconsin, followed, the piton pulled out. She fell 25 feet, landed on a ledge and bounced another 50 feet or so onto a snow bank. Bishop rushed over to stop her from falling farther. After stabilizing her for shock, he left the third member of their party, Walt Bailey, in charge. Then Bishop descended 2,400 feet in elevation to camp in 45 minutes. A rescue was launched, and six hours after the late afternoon accident, Phyllis had been carried down to camp where six physicians examined her in a "hospital tent" they'd set up. Her injuries included a cracked pelvis and ribs and two damaged arms. Considering that climbers didn't wear helmets in those days, she'd been lucky.

The packers took off in the rain and darkness, heading for a ranch down-valley that had a telephone. For several days, the accident and rescue were front-page stories in the Denver newspapers. A day later they returned to camp with additional medical supplies and a heavy metal stretcher.

Two teams of men, switching every five minutes, carried Phyllis down to Needleton. Meanwhile, as had been pre-arranged, Dad and I left camp early to catch a ride on a

hand-car to Silverton. There, Dad firmed up arrangements for the train to pick up Phyllis on its way back to Durango, outfitting an empty box car with a mattress and blankets. Time has blurred the details, but I recall that the rescue was executed beautifully. I also recall that by the end of the outing, I'd bonded with the CMC for life.

Fortified by an immense enthusiasm for new experiences, I entered to the University of Colorado as a rather naïve freshman. But I had Ginnie Boucher and Roy and Alice Holubar, friends I'd met on the two CMC outings, looking out for me. With their encouragement, I signed up for the Boulder group technical climbing course. My instructor was a handsome young man, David Robertson, from Lewiston, New York. He was taking off a semester from Lehigh University, rooming with his twin brother, Phil, and Dale Johnson.

During the next two summers, David and I made many rock climbs and backpacks together, returning to our schools in the fall. We married in June 1956, holding the wedding reception at Meeker Park



KEN ROBERTSON AFTER HIS EVENTFUL SKI RACE AT EAST PORTAL, 1978.

Lodge near our cabin.

A year and a half later, my brother, George Louis Neuhoﬀ III, died of cancer at the age of 16. I watched my parents try to cope with this tragedy and while they never really got over it, CMC friends were huge in helping them carry on. Mom and Dad began going on in-state outings and my father got serious about climbing all the fourteeners.

He'd climbed his first one, Pikes Peak, in 1910, when he was 8 years old; he climbed his last one, Snowmass, in 1967, when he was 65. Thanks to the CMC trips and friends he had met through the club, he did the hard, dangerous ones in between.

In 1963, after living in Missouri for five years, David and I and our three young children, Maggie, Ken, and Bruce, finally made our way back to Boulder. We reconnected with the Boulder CMC, and soon, thanks to a former engineering student at the University of Colorado, Ingvar Sodal, our entire family learned how to cross-country ski.

Several years earlier, David and I had negotiated snow wearing clumsy army-surplus boots and cut-down skis with cable bindings. However, after Ingvar's lessons, we realized that what we had *thought* was skiing, was almost unrelated to what Norwegians did.

Ingvar would take out CMC groups, enlisting Norwegian students at C.U. to assist him. They would demonstrate the kick and glide technique, sliding ten feet or more with one stride. Then we, the students, would attempt to emulate them, managing two or three feet per stride if we were lucky. Of course, we were chagrined, but we tried, over and over, because we had a mental image of how it should be done. Even though we realized we'd probably never come close to achieving the level of skiing that Ingvar and his compatriots had, we recognized that becoming even moderately proficient would open up the winter mountains to us. Of course, our kids caught on right away and improved much faster than we did.

Ingvar's enthusiasm ignited the Boulder CMC; we built two new huts in the backcountry—the Pfiﬀner in 1967 and the Arestua in 1969—and renovated the old Brainard Cabin that had been built in 1928.

After Ingvar realized that the road into Brainard Lake was often blown free of snow, which made it frequently unskiable after the seasonal closure, he persuaded the Forest Service to permit the CMC to build two new trails for skiing: the North Wal-

drop and the South. Years later, the Boulder CMC also provided input as well as labor to create the Little Raven and Snowshoe trails, plus a winter trail map.

In the 1970s, again under Ingvar's leadership, the Boulder CMC put on cross country ski races. All were thrilling and fun, but I recall one in particular, in which our son, Ken, competed in 1978.

The course was not for sissies, having been laid out by Ingvar; its middle section,

several miles long, was off-trail. Starting at 9,200 feet in the South Boulder Creek valley near East Portal, it made a loop near the Forest Lakes, careered down the drainage of the lower one and eventually merged with the trail that goes up the valley below the Arapaho Lakes.

Ken recalls one competitor, a grad student at C.U., “who took off like a shot, missed a critical turn and was never seen again.” At the first bench, the route, indi-



ANDREW CROAN OR MATTHEW DRUCKENMILLER

HEIDI ROBERTSON STANDS ATOP DENALI ON JUNE 4, 2009, HOLDING THE PIG FLAG DESIGNED BY PETE BIRKELAND AND SEWN BY DAVID ROBERTSON.

cated only by bright red tags, went into the forest. Ken pulled away from the pack and was the first to reach the high point of the race, 11,000 feet, where the old Rollins Pass railroad makes a loop. How could he forget that the prize for being the “fastest climber” was a chocolate cheesecake?

“The snow was deep and sort of heavy,” he recalls. “I went raging down, as was my habit, in a trench, which was a foot or two deep. Near the bottom of the first major hill, one of my skis drifted into the side of the trench and the tip snapped off, even though I didn’t fall.” He had borrowed a friend’s Blå skis, which were made of balsa wood.

“I soon was on the flats, still in a trench and blasting along as fast as I could with the broken ski, hoping that nobody was close behind. As I was approaching the main trail (the race course was not well skied or packed, but the main trail was wide and packed), my unbroken ski hit the side of the trench and broke. At that point I started awkwardly running on two broken skis and soon came on a couple having a picnic next to the trail. After I explained my predicament to them, the second-place racer (and maybe the next one as well) came by. The picnickers then produced two plastic ski tips, which I jammed on the skis, and I took off. I made it to the finish without any further issues and still got second or third.”

Meanwhile, in 1972, I started a group of female hikers and skiers by scheduling an official CMC mid-week hike up Mount Audubon. From this modest beginning, the “Wednesday Ladies” was formed. Sue Birkeland’s husband, Pete, designed a logo for the group, inspired by a 1970s term, “Male Chauvinist Pig.” My husband, David, translated Pete’s drawing into the “Pig Flag.”

We Ladies have hiked, climbed, and skied together for thousands of miles in the Indian Peaks and in Rocky Mountain National Park. Today, some of us are closer to 80 than to 70 and definitely not up to climbing Longs Peak, Mount Meeker, McHenry’s, or Mount Alice any more. Nor could we ski on lightweight equipment, as we used to, to Thunder or Pear Lakes, or to the top of Mount Audubon. And while we still have fun in the backcountry—and have since we started—nobody’s carried the Pig Flag for many years, being mindful of the extra weight. However, it hasn’t spent all its recent years in a drawer.

In 2009, our second oldest granddaughter, Heidi Rader, asked us to mail the Pig Flag to her in Fairbanks. She was going to lead two friends up a mountain. Heidi tucked the flag into her pack, which she put onto a sled, and began the long trudge on skis upward. At the two ad hoc tent villages where people waited out the weather, Heidi exchanged books and stories and addresses. In other words, in the spirit of the Wednesday Ladies, she had fun. Seventeen days later, her companions and she stood on top of Denali.

I can’t help but wonder how my life and David’s—and those of our children and grandchildren—would have unfolded had not my father and I come under the spell of the Colorado Mountain Club in 1952. Δ

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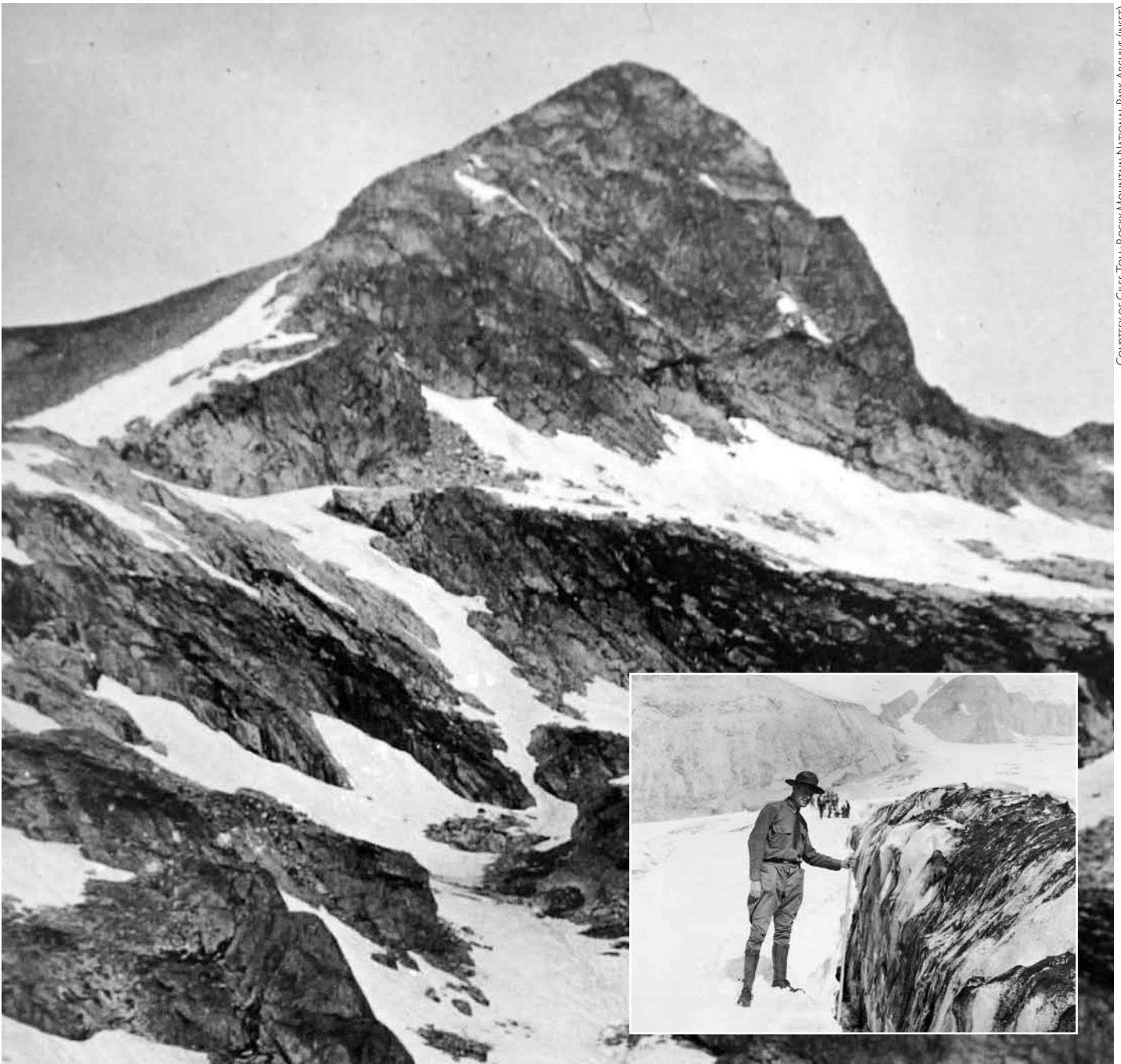
BY GILES TOLL

AS MY FATHER, HENRY, and his brother, Roger Toll, were both founding members of the Colorado Mountain Club in 1912, mention of the club was common in my childhood. This gave me some indication of the importance of the organization to my

family. However, it wasn't until many years later that I realized what an influential role contact with the CMC had already been in Roger's life, and how it would play a similar role later in my life.

During the early years of the club, Rog-

▼ IN 1925, ROGER TOLL (INSET) TOOK THIS PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MOUNTAIN THAT WOULD BE NAMED IN HIS HONOR 15 YEARS LATER.



COURTESY OF GILES TOLL, ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK ARCHIVE (INSET)



▼ ON JULY 31, 1927, ROGER TOLL TOOK THIS PHOTOGRAPH OF A CMC GROUP AT THE BOULDER FIELD SHELTER.

COURTESY OF GILES TOLL

er was writing *Mountaineering in the Rocky Mountain National Park*. This proved to be one of the first hiking guides for the Colorado Rockies. While he wrote much of the book himself, several of the route descriptions were submitted by his friends from the CMC. It also included enthusiastic descriptions of the pleasures of being in the high country, and advice for equipment, food, and other essentials.

By chance, when the book was ready for publication, the United States was involved in World War I and he was serving as a Captain (later Major) in the Ordnance Department of the U.S. Army in Washington, D.C. He took advantage of this circumstance to visit the newly established National Park Service headquarters in a successful attempt to have the Park Service publish his book.

In the process he became acquainted with the Assistant Director, Horace Albright. With his usual foresight, Albright was identifying potential future leaders for the National Park Service among military reservists during WWI.

Soon after the armistice, the need for a superintendent at Mount Rainier National Park developed. The position was soon offered to Roger, and he quickly accepted. He began his service in April of 1919.

This proved the beginning of a brilliant career with the National Park Service, which included later positions as superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park (from 1921 to 1929) and Yellowstone National Park beginning in 1929. Tragically, he was killed in an auto accident while traveling on National Park Service business in 1936.

But, to finish the tale of his book, it was the Colorado Mountain Club that provided the companions with whom to explore the mountains in “Rocky,” as well as those who would contribute route descriptions for the book. He was also able to climb all of the named peaks over 11,000 feet high in the park. The process of having his book published provided Roger an important contact with the National Park Service. As superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park, he continued his association with the Colorado Mountain Club by facilitating trips for club groups to hike and climb in the park, such as the one showing such a group at the Boulder Field Shelter on July 31, 1927.

In 1941, as a fitting memorial to Roger, some of his friends in the CMC—including its first president, James Grafton Rogers, and founding member George Barnard—were able to have the informal name of Paiute Horn in the Indian Peaks replaced with what has become its official name, Mount Toll. Appropriately, it is readily seen from Cheesman Park Pavilion in Denver where the club held its second meeting on April 26, 1912, in order to familiarize the members with mountains visible from the site. It is also fitting because Roger had climbed this peak in August 1925, at which time he was able to photograph it.

In spite of the strong family involvement, personal circumstances postponed my becoming active in the club until my early 50s. My joining the club was, in part, occasioned by two sons in their early teens who wanted to climb fourteeners. It was the CMC, through its basic mountaineering course, which gave me many of the fundamentals of safe mountaineering, and the skills to be able to climb these high peaks with my sons. As is probably true for many fathers, sharing these experiences with my sons, and my daughter when she was able to join us, were especially meaningful.

Indeed, one of my most memorable mo-

ments in the Colorado Rockies occurred at the time my sons and I were preparing to climb the fourteeners. We decided to climb Mount Toll for the first time. We did it as a backpacking trip, beginning at Monarch Lake, following the Cascade Trail to Pawnee Lake where we camped. Then, we climbed to Pawnee Pass, traversed Pawnee Peak and then to the summit of Mount Toll. We enjoyed beautiful summer weather, and we were thinking of Roger Toll the entire trip. Happily, this was the first of several climbs up this beautiful peak. And, today, my sons have begun taking their children up Mount Toll.

Contributing significantly to the safety and pleasure of our climbs was the guiding we received from young mountaineers who had grown up in the Colorado Mountain Club Juniors. Our most frequent guide was Craig Gaskill, who began leading us while still in high school. In spite of his youth, he showed consistently solid judgment and keen knowledge of the difficult routes, particularly on the more difficult peaks. In keeping with his Gaskill background, he was and is a wonderfully strong and a very skilled mountaineer.

Throughout the last thirty years of my life, the club has made possible mountaineering as a principal source of sociability and a special form of recreation. During my retirement, CMC activities have provided a meaningful chance to meet other people who share my love for the mountains. Mountaineering seems to be a self-selecting process and brings together people who are marvelous company, as being together in the high country requires mutual trust, consideration for others, and the ability to get along in a group. It has made possible some of my finest friendships. ▲



COURTESY OF GILES TOLL



▲ GILES AND HIS WIFE, CONNIE HAUVER.

◀ IN 2008, THE CARL BLAUROCK SILVER PITON AWARD WAS AWARDED TO GILES TOLL FOR HAVING "INVESTED A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF PERSONAL TIME AND EFFORT IN CMC ACTIVITIES, RESULTING IN A SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT TO THE ORGANIZATION." HE WAS JOINED BY MANY FAMILY AND FRIENDS, INCLUDING (FRONT, LEFT TO RIGHT) JOHN RADLOFF, RAINIE TOLL, HARRISON TOLL, ELLIE TOLL, MAY TOLL, CAROLINE TOLL, AND SIAN HAUVER; AND (BACK, LEFT TO RIGHT) SUSAN TOLL, MATTIE TOLL, GILES TOLL, CONNIE HAUVER, DARWIN TOLL, CHRIS TOLL, AND JANE TOLL.

THANK YOU, CMC

BY BRENT DUCKWORTH

I NEVER GOT A CHANCE TO THANK Tom Lamm for getting me interested in the CMC. It was 1967 or '68 and I was 15 or so. Tom lived across the street, and he caught me loitering around one of his toys...possibly his motorcycle, I don't exactly remember.

I do remember that he pointedly asked if I had anything better to do; I didn't. He said I should climb some mountains and the next thing I knew my dad was taking me to Gerry Mountaineering to get my stuff that Tom had listed. So, I got enrolled in the CMC basic mountaineering class, and have been climbing, skiing, and hiking ever since. It was no easy task for Tom to persuade my dad, as he had a fear of heights and really didn't like the mountains. Nor did he like to spend money. As far as I was concerned, it was the best argument Tom ever won; he was, and still is, an attorney. So, thank you, Tom.

Dick Yates was my basic mountaineering instructor. I learned my ice axe skills on Loveland Pass and climbed the first Flatiron for our graduation climb. I will always remember my first big rappel off the back of that upturned rock. I remember Dick talking about climbing in the North Cascades and dreaming about climbing those mountains myself. So, thank you, Dick.

With the Denver group, I headed up James Peak, Grays, Torreys, and Capitol Peak. Capitol was my third fourteener and my first experience with lightning. A little excitement was exactly what this 16-year-old needed. I just couldn't wait for the weekends, so I could hike another peak. It's hard to believe, but we didn't see any other climbers on Capitol Peak. Harder to believe, perhaps, is that there were no other climbers on Grays or Torreys, either!

Somewhere along the way I started going on trips with the Denver Juniors. This was a group of 40 to 50 teenagers who, to me, had done everything. They had done technical climbing, skiing, backpacking, and had travelled extensively, even to the Alps. I had done none of this, had not even



THE AUTHOR, 1974.

been on an airplane, and I wanted to be like them. However, I had inherited a fear of heights from my father, something I never really shook, and never developed into a very good athlete or climber. I just really liked being in the mountains and so I spent (and spend) most of my free time there.

Gudy Gaskill was the adult leader and Steve, her son, was the junior leader of the 1968 Denver Junior outing to No Name

Creek in the San Juans. I signed up and next thing I know we're on the Narrow Gauge train out of Durango. I think it was Mary Kaye Waddington who showed me how to cut my plastic tube tent, and tie rocks to the corners to make a drier tarp shelter that I would need for the two weeks of camping.

We climbed Knife Point, Monitor Peak, and, of course, Sunlight, Windom, and Eolus. Almost 20 years later a friend saw my name in the register on Monitor. So, thank you, Gudy, Steve, and Mary.

I had not thought about it for a long time, but it was fun to remember the peaks and outings and especially the people I've met through the CMC. The CMC was a two-year passion for me in high school and then, poof, we all went off to college and on our separate ways.

Fast forward 40 years and I still look to the mountain club trips first, when I need a little adventure. Last February, I went on an Adventure Travel bicycle trip led by Bea Slingsby for two weeks in Vietnam.

Where else but the club can you find 15 people to go biking in a country where they all just learned to drive last week? The food was great, the old French hotels were great, the price was great, and the Vietnamese people were wonderful. The children greeted us with cheers and high-fives as we rode through their towns.

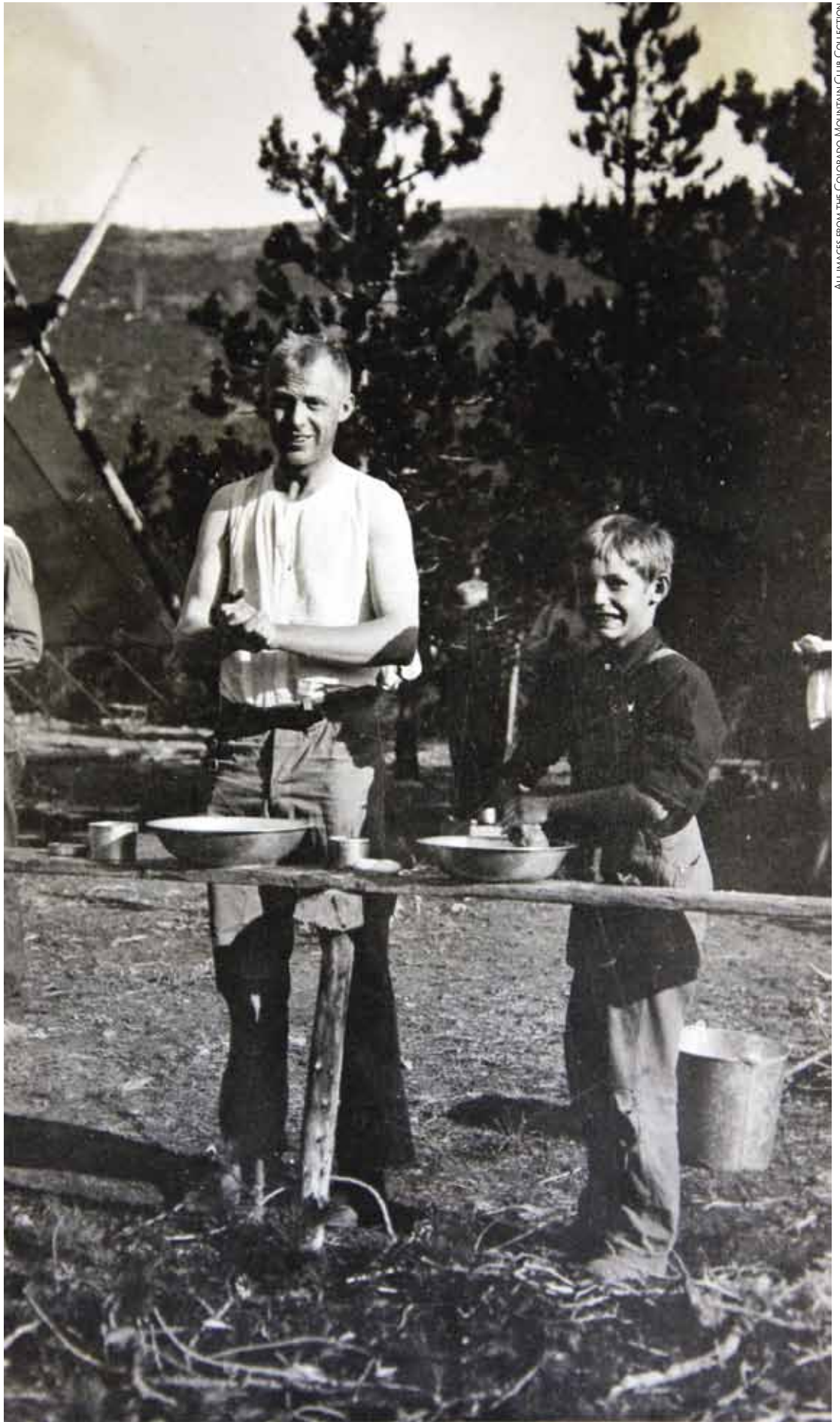
Recently, I went on the American Basin Outing led by Janet Farrar and the in-state outing to Marble led by Brenda Porter. There is something to be said for a trip where you don't have to worry about cooking. Both trips featured my favorite camping activity—telling tales by the campfire with a lot of great people.

I think I'll stop writing now and start planning my next trip with the CMC. Δ

One Swell Founder

James Grafton Rogers

by Woody Smith



ALL IMAGES FROM THE COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB COLLECTION

If an organization can be measured by the character and accomplishments of its principal founding member, then the Colorado Mountain Club may stand tall.

A hundred years ago, talk of forming a “Rocky Mountain” club, a local counterpart to the Sierra and Appalachian Mountain Clubs, ebbed and flowed across the social circles of Denver. There had been other Colorado-based climbing clubs, but none with the scope and reach of those on the coasts.

Finally in the summer of 1911, Denver high school teacher Mary Sabin, and former pupil Jim Rogers, began the steps that led to the formation of the Colorado Mountain Club.

Rogers' participation was fortuitous. Born in 1883 into the family of a prominent Denver physician, Rogers was the eldest of five children. Though well-to-do and respected, Dr. and Mrs. Rogers were also fun in a manner opposite those of their Victorian-era neighbors.

Elizabeth Young, a childhood friend of the youngest Rogers children, remembered them as “a big, easy-going family,” with their “large, comfortable” house as an escape from her own “quiet” and “sedate” upbringing. “They took me in and counted me as one of their own,” she wrote.

One activity from which young Elizabeth was excluded—at her parents insistence—was the Rogers family camping trips.

Wrote Young, “They set off at 7 in the morning, dressed in their heavy mountain clothing.... They all piled into the heavy wagon loaded to the breaking point, the frying pans rattling and the tent poles sticking out behind. The doctor picked up the reins, clicked to the horses, and started the cavalcade slowly westward down Colfax Avenue, at the end of which, fifteen miles away, the peaks of the Rockies glittered in the bright morning sun.”

It was likely on one of these family trips in 1894 that 11-year-old Jim climbed his first fourteeners, Mounts Elbert and Massive.

In 1899, Rogers went east to attend

prep school in New Hampshire, then Yale University (1901-05). At Yale, his writing talents earned him the title of Class Poet. He also climbed Mounts Washington and Katahdin, the highest points in New Hampshire and Maine.

Upon graduation Rogers returned to Colorado. To unwind, he, along with family

THE ROGERS' FAMILY CABIN AND LIVING ROOM, 1915.



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George C. Barnard, Esq.,
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Dear Groege:-

I beg to submit the following account of Trip No. 41
which I led August 2, 1914:

It rained all day and the only person that turned up
at the station to go was Miss Roberson. She wanted to make the
trip, however, and we two braved the elements. We left Denver on
the Moffat Road at 8.15, got off at Pine Cliff, struck north without
road until we reached the top of the divide between South and
Middle Boulder, then sometimes following roads and some times go-
ing overland, went north-east until we struck the right of way of
the Boulder Power Line near the Clardsdorf Mill. We then walked
along the pipe line easterly, in the rain, and stopped for a little
while at Magnolia, same down into the Middle Boulder Canon near
the Power Plant and walked down the canon into Boulder, returning
to Denver, via Interurban.

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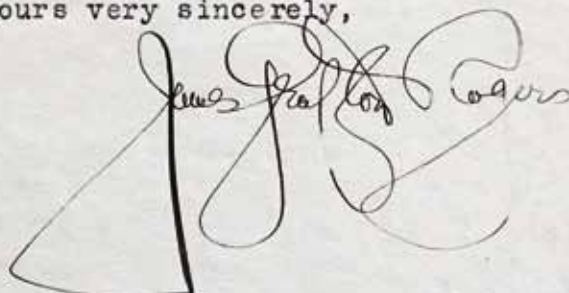
miles, as I now recall. Walking along the pipe line of the Central Colorado Power Company is good, except that they have piled a good deal of brush on the line to keep the cattle off. It, however, even at that, is very passable.

The trip furnishes some very fine views, gives an opportunity for the inspection of the power plant which partly supplies Denver with light, and while a somewhat long one is through very attractive country. I should recommend it again as an early spring or fall trip.

I substituted for Judge Platt Rogers, as leader, who was in England.

Yours very sincerely,

JGR-G

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Judge Platt Rogers".

Leader.



and friends, built a two-story cabin on the upper slopes of Mount Evans. It remains in the family to this day.

After a year as a reporter with the *New York Sun*, Rogers was back in Colorado, unsure of his future profession. At the urging of a family friend Rogers began studying

law at the University of Denver. He finished the three-year program in two. He also finished first in the statewide Bar exams for 1908. In 1909 he was appointed Colorado's Assistant Attorney General. In 1910 he married Cora Peabody, who just happened to be the daughter of former Governor James Peabody (1903-05). Rogers also became a part-time professor at the D.U. Law School. In 1911 he entered private practice with Judge Platt Rogers (no relation), the first of many influential partners.

In April 1912 Rogers helped organize the Colorado Mountain Club. He served as club president until January 1917 when he refused renomination. In 1914 he began serving on the first Colorado Geographic (Names) Board. He proposed several familiar high country names including Mounts Cirrus, Cumulus, and Nimbus in the Never Summer Range.

It was against this background of achievement and relative privilege that, on a rainy summer day in 1914, Rogers crossed paths with Denver dressmaker Beth Roberson, and found himself at the mercy

of her will (see accompanying trip report).

Their hike began with a train ride from Denver into the foothills west of Rocky Flats to Pinecliffe. From there the route was north and east into Boulder, with another train ride home.

The incident speaks well of Rogers' nature. He was a substitute leader, willing to go out in bad weather to avoid disappointing a member of the hiking club he founded. And while the trip report took over a year to submit—he was busy—the task was completed.

Certainly one swell guy.

Rogers went on to hold several government posts, including Assistant Secretary of State in the Hoover Administration, and spy chief with the O.S.S. during World War II. He also served two terms as mayor of Georgetown (1953-55 and 1957-59) and president of the Colorado Historical Society (1949-59). He passed away in Denver in 1971 at the age of 88. Δ

The author would like to thank David Hite and Richard Hart for their assistance with this article.

INSPIRING BEAUTY

TRUMAN P. YOUNG ► 1924 - 2010

By ANITTA YOUNG

I AM SORRY TO REPORT that we lost a very valuable member of the CMC. Truman P. Young left us this past April.

He was a 40-year member and loved the mountains with a passion. He climbed 40 of the fourteeners, led class A and B trips. He initiated the doggie hikes because we had a dog that loved going on mountain trips, too.

Truman was an environmentalist before it became popular. He loved the wilderness and backpacked to some very remote and peaceful places. In October 1989 and January 1964, Truman testified before a Congressional Committee in Denver on behalf of the wilderness bill that he was very passionate about.

His son Ty was very active in the Juniors group and when our daughter Susan was old enough we enjoyed the Wilderness Kids group.

Truman was also a railroad and bicycle enthusiast and a published photographer. He spent his final months in a senior living facility with a view of his beloved mountains. He was looking at them when he left our world.

May the memories of all the inspiring beauties stay with us forever.



SERVING FOR A LIFETIME

HELEN STILES-WAINWRIGHT ► 1921 - 2010

By PAUL STEWART

HELEN JOINED THE CMC on January 1, 1951, and became a lifelong member. For over 50 years she did many good things for the club.

Helen was born in Lyons, Nebraska, attended the University of Nebraska and later the University of Denver, where she graduated with a masters degree in library science. She used her librarian training and expertise to her advantage when she became librarian for the club, and she installed an orderly cataloguing system for the club's books and periodicals which came in handy when the club moved from Josephine Street to a new location on West Alameda Avenue. She also served on the staff of Trail & Timberline for over eight years and was editor for almost three of those years.

A later editor, Hugh Kingery, remarked that Helen didn't lose her commitment to T&T even after she "retired" as editor. "I considered her my editorial mentor and regarded her as almost part of the staff, even though her name didn't appear on the masthead," said Hugh. She wrote two authoritative guides to the Sawatch Range, published in 1968 and 1969. She wrote a dozen articles and reviewed over 16 books for T&T.



When she moved to Boulder and went to work for the National Bureau of Standards, she developed an interest in birdwatching and went on many outings with the Boulder Bird Club. The interest surfaced with the CMC in 1972 when she and Mary Jane Schock went on a club trip to Hawaii, "hiking, beaching, surfing, snorkeling, picking mangos and passion fruit while hiking a trail and taking cold showers. The birding sub-group got wound up over anything with wings, and if it turned out to be a native bird (introduced species have all but replaced Hawaiian natives) we could become almost as cheered as if Kilauea had erupted."

In retirement, Helen and her husband, Art, went on many birding trips and traveled abroad. Then, an intruder known as Alzheimer's appeared and changed their lives. Art was often at her side first at home and then at various quality nursing facilities and saw that she got the best of care all through the long goodbye.

IN MEMORIAM

RIGOMAR THURMER; BOULDER GROUP ► 1930-2010

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Truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience, this unique trip to the Grand Canyon offers participants the opportunity to experience this World Heritage Site on a motorized raft for 188 miles through the best of the canyon, departing from the historic Lee's Ferry and ending with a helicopter ride from Whitmore Wash and a plane flight back to the start. It is especially ideal for those who would like to hike in areas which can be reached only from the river, and those who have always wanted to experience the canyon but who do not wish to make the 7 mile, 4,500' backpack in and out. Our outfitter, Hatch River Expeditions, has been guiding river trips through the canyon for over 70 years. We will have four guides and 20 participants on two 35-foot S-rig boats running fuel-efficient and quiet 4-stroke outboard engines. Hatch offers us daily guided hikes at different hiking levels, or one may choose to rest in camp. There are several opportunities for point-to-point hikes where we may hike from one drainage to the next and the raft will pick us up later in the day. Register with leaders Blake Clark or Rosemary Burbank at (303) 871-0379 or blakerosemary@cs.com.



ESCALANTE RIVER AND CANYON LLAMA TREK, UTAH

April 25 – 29, 2011
\$982

This trip begins at the Red Rock 'n' Llamas Ranch in Boulder, Utah. We begin hiking near the town of Escalante at the headwaters of the river. Our first day follows the river and passes many interesting ancient Anasazi Indian petroglyph panels. After about 7 miles we arrive at our camp at the

mouth of a canyon called Death Hollow. Tuesday we spend the day up in Death Hollow. This is an amazing canyon with white slickrock walls reaching all the way down to the creek. We will be walking in the water a lot of the day since that is the only way up this canyon. Day 3 we pack up and continue to head down the river. This spectacular camp next to the river gives us great access to Day 4's hike up above camp. We will hike up to a hidden Anasazi granary, take a swim in some nice big pools below a waterfall, cross the desert and take an exciting route into Sand Creek. Our last day we continue down the river past the Escalante arch and natural bridge, the echo wall, more rock art and granaries, and big spectacular canyon walls. We come out to our awaiting vehicles where Highway 12 crosses the river. Included: tents, sleeping bags, bag liners, ThermoRest pads, cooking gear, meals (breakfast day 1 through lunch day 5), llamas, guide and wrangler service. Hike with just your daypack. Price does not include round trip travel to Boulder, Utah, 2 nights motel, 2 evening meals and wrangler tips. For more information, contact Bob Seyse, 303-718-2005 or bobseyse@gmail.com.



MOAB MOUNTAIN BIKE AND HIKE ADVENTURE

May 19 – 22, 2011
\$275 (before March 1)

We will base camp near Moab in this new adventure and explore the famous mountain biking and hiking trails in the Moab area, as well as Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. We will ride (or hike) with groups of various sizes and abilities for four days of adventure in this amazing desert wonderland. A favorite for biking or hiking is the seldom traveled Hidden Canyon trail with its prolific Anasazi art and hunting ruins. Savory food is provided and prepared by experienced desert gourmet chefs. Also included in the price are camping fees, all your water needs, and portable toilets. You will also receive a t-shirt custom designed for this year's adventure. A large campfire with live music, drum

circles, sweat lodge, desert croquet and other games, and group activities round out the afternoon and evening fun. You provide your own transportation to and from the rides and hikes which are accessible with any automobile. You also need to bring your own camping gear and bike (if you ride), or rent one in Moab. Carpooling is encouraged. There are rides and hikes suited for beginner to advanced riders of all ages. Price does not include transportation to Moab, or bike rental (if needed). Price increases after March 1 to \$300; between April 11 and May 10, \$325; after May 10 to \$350. Contact Janet Farrar at wildjc@juno.com or 303-933-3066.



DAY HIKING IN NORTHWEST SPAIN

May 30 – June 13, 2011
\$2,700

The Picos de Europa in northern Spain is a limestone massif that offers a unique range of natural, cultural, and gastronomic experiences, including the Upper Paleolithic cave paintings of Altamira and the pilgrimage city of Santiago de Compostela. Join us for a peek into the best kept secret in Europe. If group size allows, there will be two levels of hiking offered: B hikes and C hikes. Included are ground transportation in Spain, lodging, breakfast and dinner (water or wine included), transfers and cable cars. Not included are airfare from the U.S., travel insurance, lunches, and entrance fees, except those listed in the itinerary. Price may change depending on exchange rate and number of participants. Contact Janet Farrar wildjc@juno.com or 303-933-3066.



HUAYHUASH TREK – PERU

June 12-25, 2011
\$1,600

Trek in the rugged and remote Cordillera Huayhuash in northern Peru. This trip starts in Lima with a city tour, then a bus ride north to Huaraz.

Here we will do a couple day hikes, one to a lake in the Cordillera Negra near Huaraz, and a second hike to Lago 69, at 15,000 feet, near Huascarán, the highest peak in Peru. Then we will drive to Queropalca to start a seven-day trek in the stunning Cordillera Huayhuash. This supported trek will take us high into the Andes, hiking below peaks over 19,000 feet, visiting high lakes and hiking over passes above 14,000 feet. We will hike near Nevado Yerupaja, at 21,560 feet it is the world's second highest tropical mountain. And we will view the east face of Siula Grande, the peak Joe Simpson fell on, as recounted in his book and the movie, "Touching the Void." We will hike through very remote Peruvian countryside, where people bring their sheep and cattle to graze during the dry season. The trip's hikes will be at a C level, at high elevations and on rugged trails. Not included in the trip cost is airfare to Lima, travel insurance, several meals, guide tips, and personal spending money. Contact Marianne Curtis for more information at mchiker@juno.com.



IRELAND'S WICKLOW WAY

June 17 – 27, 2011 (exact dates TBD)
\$1,842

The countryside of Ireland is a patchwork of many different landscape types, including several mountainous and upland areas. One of the most spectacular of these is in county Wicklow, just south of Dublin which, despite its proximity to the capitol, contains many kilometers of wonderfully unspoiled mountain trails. The Wicklow Way combines easy accessibility with a wide variety of scenic experiences, some of them in truly remote upland areas. They include mountains, upland lakes, steep-sided glacial valleys, fast flowing mountain streams, forests and farmland. The Wicklow Way begins in Dublin's southern suburbs and travels in a south-westerly direction across the Dublin and Wicklow uplands, then through the rolling hill country of southwest County Wicklow to finish in the small village of Clonegal 127 kilometres later. We will be doing this walk in reverse order terminating in the Dublin suburbs. En route the Wicklow Way passes mountain lakes, ruined buildings, occasional memorials to historic events of past centuries and extensive remains of the early Christian monastic settlements. The trip is 10 days with 130 km (81 miles) total walking distance. The CMC hiking classification is B moderate with a couple of B difficult days.

Costs include lodging, airport transfers, luggage transport, hearty breakfasts. Final exact cost to be determined based upon currency exchange. We will hike with day packs only. Lunch and dinner will be on your own in the many fine pubs and restaurants in the villages that we encounter. Airfare from Denver to Dublin not included. For more information, contact Janet Martel at jmartel55@comcast.net.



TREKKING IN TRANSYLVANIA

July 21 – August 1, 2011
\$2,277

Thrills, chills, and old-world romance abound in Count Dracula's homeland. You will trek 60 miles (8-12 miles per day) in the breathtakingly beautiful and rugged Carpathian Mountains, and climb Romania's highpoint (Moldoveanu Peak at 8,347 feet). Carry only what you need for a day hike on this fully supported trek, which includes excursions to Dracula's castle, Peles Castle (a Neo-Renaissance Castle built between 1873-1914), an Orthodox monastery, and Sibiu—the wealthiest citadel of the Transylvanian Saxons. Price includes six nights accommodation in 3-star hotels or guesthouses, two nights in a mountain hut, and two nights in restored Saxon houses in a village. Most meals are included. Includes guided hiking and site-seeing tour guide, ground transfers from/to Bucharest airport and to cities/sites within the program, and admission to the mentioned cultural sites. Price does not include airfare to Bucharest, Romania, but the leader will assist participants with scheduling. For more information, contact Linda at lvlditchkus@hotmail.com. No phone calls please.



WIND RIVER LLAMA TREK

August 15 – 19, 2011
\$1324

Hike the remote and rugged Wind River Range of Wyoming. Let the llamas carry the heavy loads and the outfitters do the cooking and dishes. We will meet at Lander Llama Company in Lander, Wyo., then check gear, load llamas and participants in trucks and vans, and drive to our trailhead at Worthen Meadow Reservoir, a southern access point for the Popo Agie Wilderness of the Shoshone National Forest. At 9,000 feet, we will take the Sheep Bridge Trail to the Middle Fork Trail through lodge pole

forest and follow the Middle Fork of the Popo Agie River for nine miles gaining slight elevation traversing high alpine parks and riparian watersheds. Our first night will be spent in Bill's Park. Day two we will hike and gain elevation taking a route just below Wind River Peak. We will camp in this location for two nights at 10,300 feet. The layover day, weather permitting, could allow some participants to ascend Wind River Peak. There will be other hikes available to some very spectacular classic glacial cirque-carved mountains. This country has many lakes with very good fishing. On day four we will hike to Pinto Park, an open high alpine park, with a panoramic view of the Cirque of the Towers. On day five we will hike 11 miles and return on the Pinto Park trail looping to the Middle Fork Trail and Sheep Bridge Trail at Worthen Meadow Reservoir. All hikes will be at the B level. Included will be tents, sleeping bags, bag liners, ThermoRest pads, meals, llamas, guide and wrangler services, including meals on the trail. Hike with just your daypack. Price does not include round trip travel to Lander, two nights motel stay, two evening meals, or wrangler tips. Contact Bob Seyse at 303-718-2005 or bobseyse@gmail.com.



EXPLORING RUSSIA'S KAMCHATKA: LAND OF FIRE AND ICE

August 18 – September 3, 2011
\$1,900 - \$2,900

Kamchatka is a stunning mountain paradise and one of the most isolated regions in the world. The Kamchatka Peninsula is a 1,250-kilometer long peninsula in the far east of Russia. There are more than 160 volcanoes on the peninsula, 29 of which are active. The main attractions of Kamchatka are volcanic calderas, geysers, and mineral springs, all in pristine condition. Supported by 4/6WD bus, this tour passes through the most active volcanic zone of the peninsula and along a high mountain plateau, surrounded by nine of Kamchatka's highest volcanoes. We will climb three volcanoes, all of which are still active. There will be plenty of wildlife to see, including the legendary Kamchatka Brown Bear. We will have opportunities to meet and learn about the local and indigenous peoples of Kamchatka. The trip cost includes all Kamchatka lodging and meals (except extra beverages), ground transportation, guide fees, and CMC fee. Not included in the price: Round trip airfare to Petropavlovsk, Russian visa, beverages,

rented equipment, tips, and personal spending money. Travel insurance is not included but highly recommended. Hiking level: Participants should be capable of Difficult B/Easy C hikes. For a trip packet, contact the leader at miller866@comcast.net.



MONGOLIA: TREK, CULTURE, EAGLE FESTIVAL

September 5 – 22, 2011

\$2700

Trekking with Mongolian Kazak herdsman with their camels or horses carrying our camp gear, lush green valleys, hiking over Jolt Pass at 10,300 ft. in the Western Altai Mountains in one of the most remote parts of the world. Magnificent views of the snow capped Altai, staying in gers and tents, visiting with nomads who have trained Golden Eagles to use for hunting. Petroglyphs, deer stones, balbals (stone carved men), being at the crossroads of emerging cultures of ancient times. Two days at an Eagle Festival with various competitions involving the eagles, horse racing, and locals wearing very colorful native dresses. Time to visit museums in Hovd and Ulaanbaatar. These are just some of the experiences we will have on our 17 day trip. At Chigertei Lake we will stay for two nights, hiking in the area and meeting the nomads with their grazing animals. The trek will be six days (approximately 7 to 12 miles a day), going over Jolt Pass. From our arrival in Ulaanbaatar until we fly out of the country, there will be an English speaking guide with us. A visa is not needed for U.S. citizens. Included in the price is four nights' hotel in Ulaanbaatar, internal flight to Western Mongolia and return, all meals outside of Ulaanbaatar, English speaking guide, fees for National Park and Eagle Festival, four-wheel drive vehicles, nomads with their camels or horses carrying the camp gear, cook, all camp equipment, welcome and farewell dinner, breakfasts in Ulaanbaatar. Not included in price is round trip flight to Ulaanbaatar, two lunches, one dinner, tips, single supplement of \$30 per night, bottled water, drinks, and personal items. The trip is limited to 10 people with a sense of adventure, and flexibility for traveling in this remote country. For more information, contact Bea Slingsby at 303-422-3728 or beahive@comcast.net.



TREKKING IN NEPAL

October 1 – 18, 2011

\$2806

Join Pemba Sherpa, a native of the Khumbu region of the Nepal Himalayas, on this spectacular trek through the foothills of some of the world's highest peaks. Pemba has been guiding visitors to his homeland since 1986 and will do so again in 2011, taking us into the heart of the world's majestic Himalayan Mountains around Annapurna. The classic Around Annapurna trek offers a complete panorama of culture and ecosystems, including high mountain passes, the deepest valley in the world, the desert of the Tibetan plateau, pine forests, rice paddies, monasteries and people as diverse as Tibetan lamas and Hindu farmers. We commence trekking near Ngadi, ascend the ridges over the Marsyandi valley. We follow the Marsyandi valley north beneath the mountain of Manaslu, Lamjung Himal, and the Annapurnas before entering the drier reaches of the Manang valley, not far from the Tibetan border. Here we acclimatize before crossing Throng La (17,769ft.), the highest and the hardest part of this trek. The elation as you reach the top of the pass will suppress any feeling of fatigue. We descend to Mukthinath, one of the most sacred pilgrimage sites in Nepal, then farther down to the Kali Gandai Gorge, the deepest valley in the world, we descend Kali Gandaki to Jomsom and fly back to Pokhara. For more information, please contact Pemba Sherpa at (303) 525-6508 or pemba@sherpaascent.com.



HIKING THE ALPS OF BAVARIA AND AUSTRIA

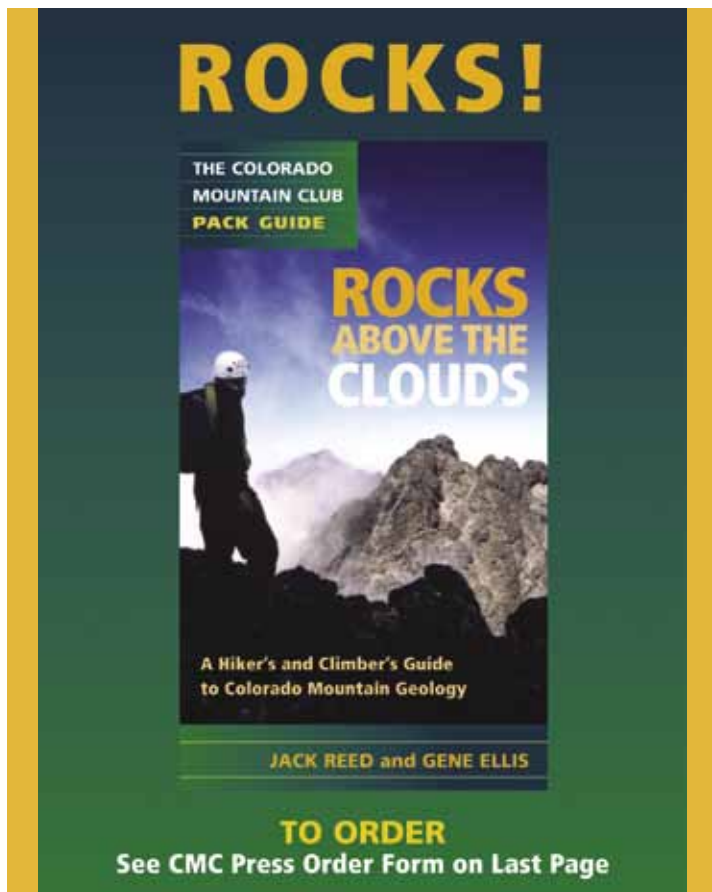
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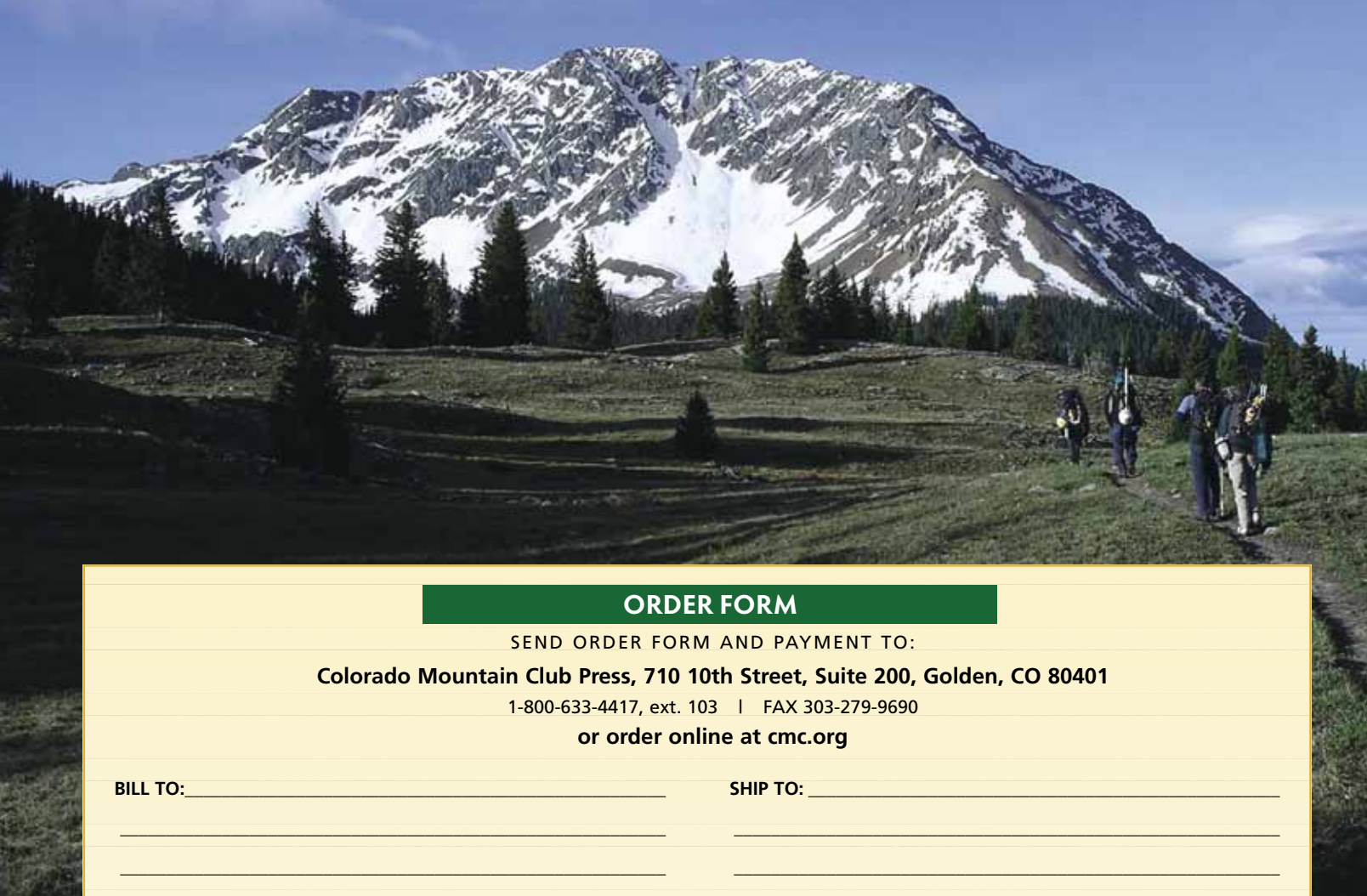
\$2,700-3,300

The German and Austrian Alps are a scenic region of pristine lakes and creeks, high mountains, green pastures, and thundering river gorges. The hilly countryside that's dotted by quaint villages is home to some of the most famous castles in Bavaria where we will start our trip. On the Austro-Bavarian border we will visit Germany's highest peak, Zugspitze. In Austria, we will start by exploring the glacier-carved valley of Stubaital, close to Innsbruck. From there we will continue to learn more about the Tyrolean country, while hiking and climbing in the Zillertal area. Finally, we will walk on paths of a thousand-year-old history in Salzkammergut. This area, with spectacular lakes close to the town of Salzburg, had in the past famous mines of "white gold." The historical salt trail started from here. The town of Hallstatt is a World Heritage destination. During the trip, we will stay in comfortable, often family-owned hotels and explore some of the more breathtaking parts of the world. Cost includes lodging in hotels and pensions, transportation during the trip, breakfast and most of the dinners, and leader's expenses. The price does not include airfare or travel insurance. The final cost may vary depending on currency exchange. Hikes up to B and C level. Maximum number of participants is 14. For more information contact the leader, Renata Collard, at (303) 617-4773 or Renata.Collard@ucdenver.edu



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