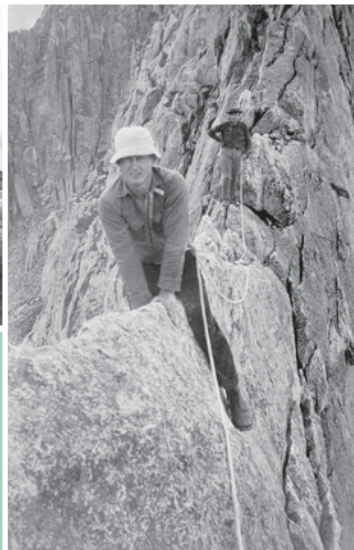
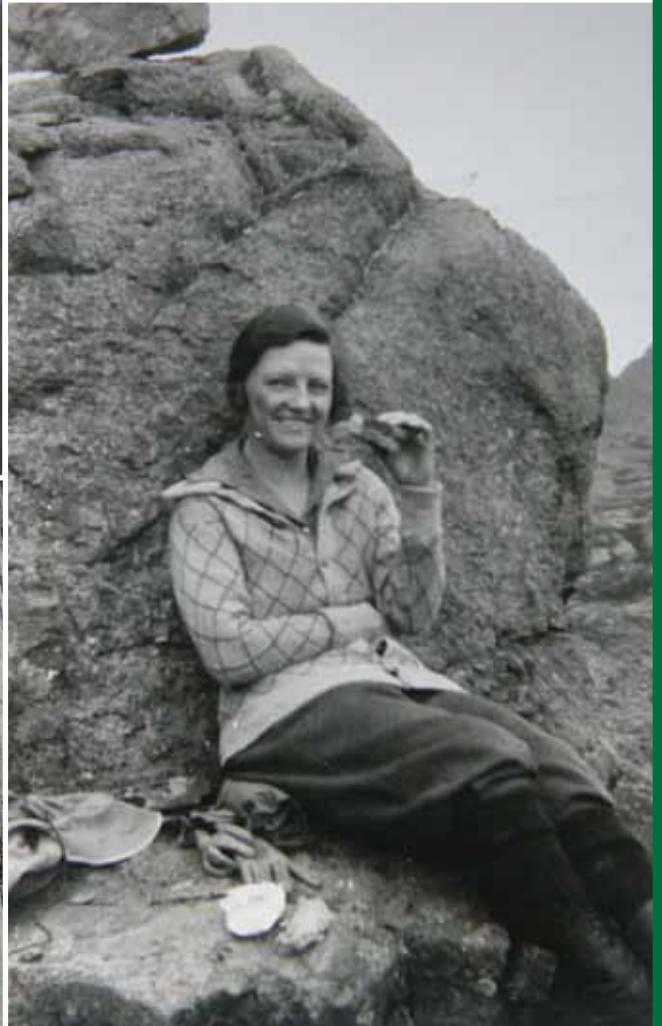
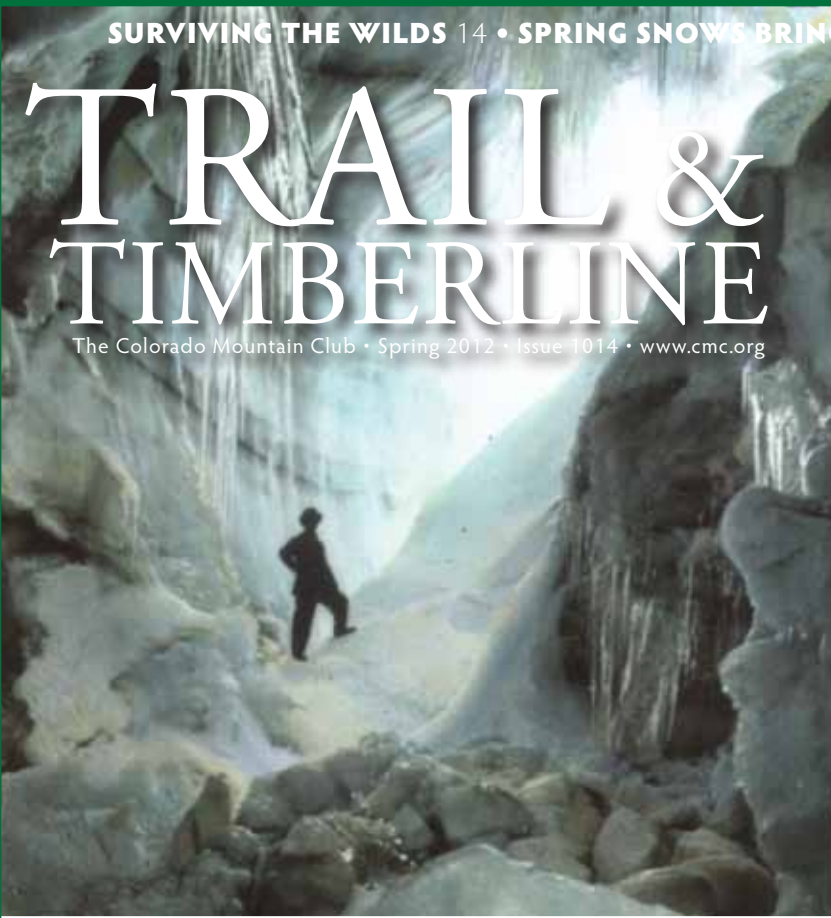


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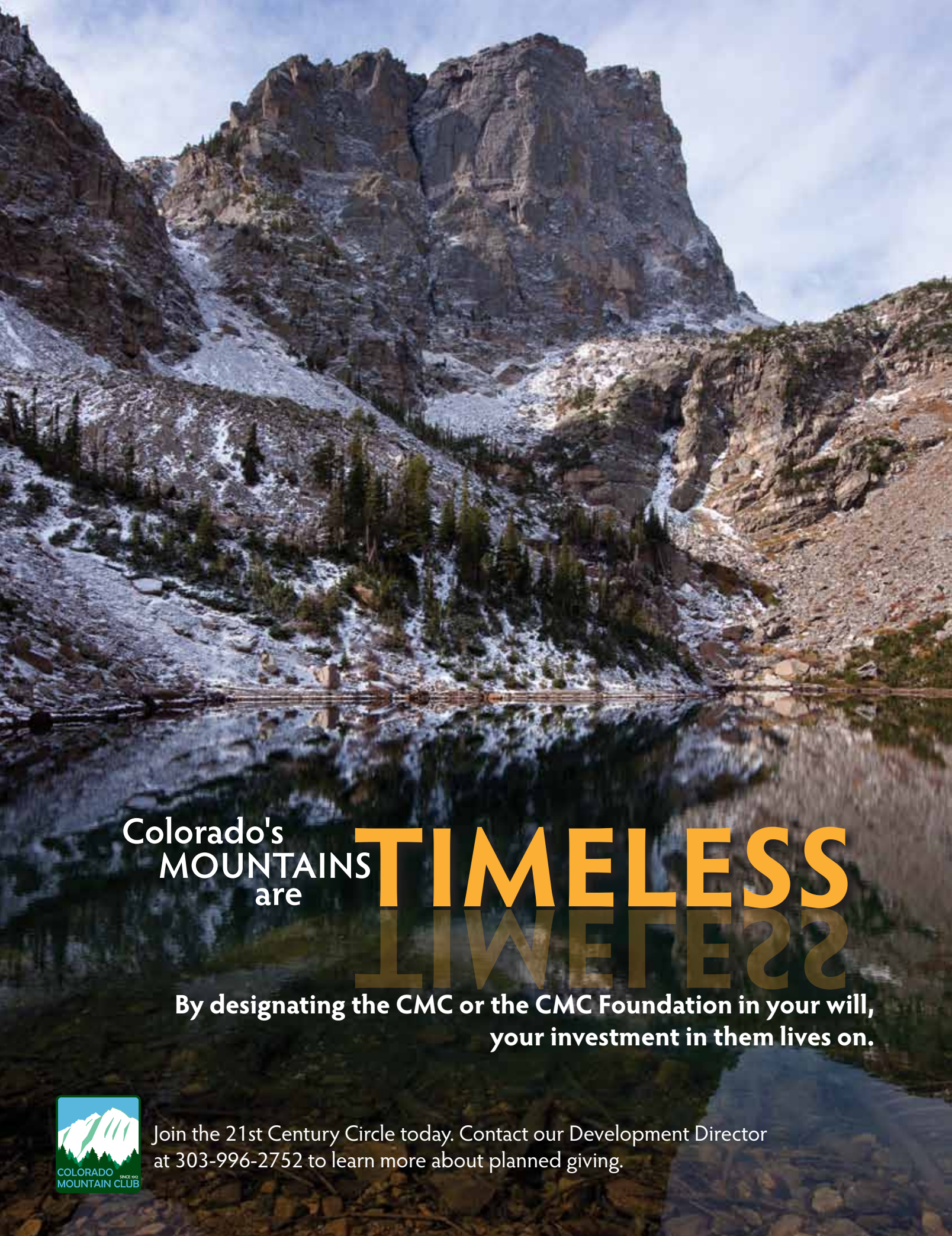
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

A NEW VISION



Our Centennial year has finally arrived! It's an exciting time for the CMC. There are many events planned throughout the year in honor of our Centennial, including the all-day Centennial Celebration Fest in Buena Vista on July 21. I hope that all of you will be able to

Our strategic plan is guided by a vision—a vision that defines a desired future and helps guide us there. It's as if we're deciding which mountain we want to climb, and planning the route to get to the top! A good vision should be reevaluated every five to 10 years, especially since we live in such a

day's world?

- What strengths and weaknesses do you see regarding the changes you believe are needed? Do we all see the situation the same way?

As you can imagine, there were a variety of answers from the groups, but there were also several themes that were consistent: our strengths were the focus on safety and leadership and the quality of schools and training available to members. Our main weakness is declining membership.

With this information in hand, the board vowed to take a hard look at the CMC today, and to set us on a course that will keep us relevant and attractive. At the visioning retreat, the board began the process of developing a new vision which they will continue to contemplate as they move through the strategic planning process.

The second phase of the strategic planning process—the development of specific goals and strategies for the next five years—has already started. The process will continue at the board's April meeting. Subsequently, the board will contact the groups and other key stakeholders (such as the State Council and State Committee Chairs), requesting that they review and provide input on these goals and strategies, with the aim being that a new five-year strategic plan is approved in July.

While the board is taking the leadership role in the strategic planning process, it's not a top-down process. Rather, it's a collaborative process of all the CMC stakeholders. To that end, if you have comments you would like to share about our future, please contact your group councils, any state board member, or staff. Your input is important. Whether as members, trip leaders, school instructors, group or state leaders, each one of us impacts the future of the CMC.

Alice White
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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attend at least one of the many events. We have so many accomplishments to be proud of, such as helping with the formation of Rocky Mountain National Park, all the education and recreational opportunities we've provided over the years, our ongoing conservation and trail work, our book publishing company, and our role in the creation of the American Mountaineering Center and the Bradford Washburn American Mountaineering Museum.

But as we celebrate the past, we also need to be planning for our future. As you may know, the CMC is guided by a strategic plan which is developed every few years by the State Board with input from the groups and other stakeholders. We are currently in the final year of our current strategic plan. Last October, the board took the first step in developing a new five-year strategic plan by holding a visioning retreat.

fast and rapidly changing time. Think back just 15 years ago: the internet was barely up and running and our competition was limited. Today, the competition we face is plentiful, and with our ever-busy schedules, volunteer hours are dropping.

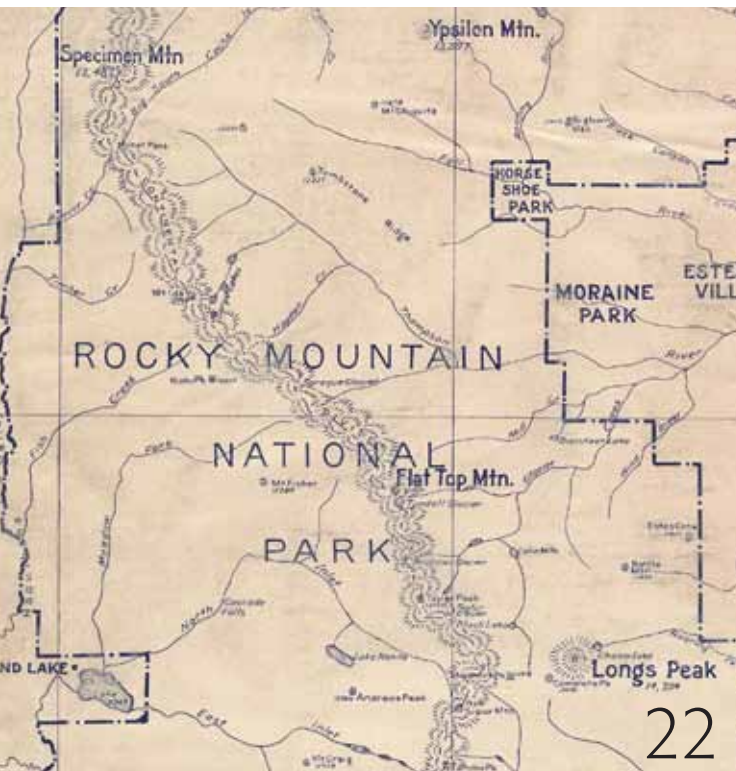
In preparation for the retreat, the board took several steps. It reviewed many statewide surveys and information on outdoor industry trends that we received from members, non-members, industry partners, and like-minded organizations. It also contacted each group, requesting feedback on three specific questions:

- What will the CMC look like in 10 years? What's the picture in your mind?
- Where do you think the CMC may need to change directions to remain relevant and modern today? In what areas should we be changing directions? Should we change to compete in to-

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Excerpted from *100 Years Up High*, the newest title from the CMC Press

By JANET N. ROBERTSON

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By WOODY SMITH



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Clockwise, from top left: Hallet Glacier Grotto; Mount Eolus summit, 1927; stitching pants; women's tug o' war; Mary Cronin on Columbine Pass; and Steve Hart and Bill Ervin navigate the high ridge of Lone Eagle Peak in the first known ascent, achieved with Carl Blaurock, who took the photo.

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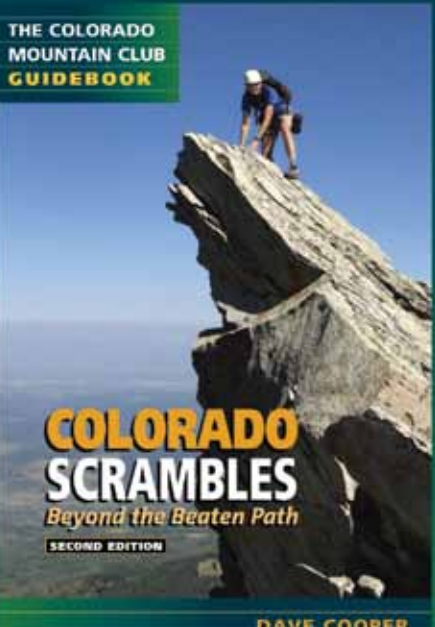
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CREATING A CULTURE OF STEWARDSHIP
CONSERVATION FOR 2012


By SCOTT BRADEN, DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION & EDUCATION

IT’S A BUSY WINTER around the CMC conservation department. Lisa Cashel, our Stewardship Manager, is finalizing another summer field season of outdoor volunteer service opportunities for CMC members and the public. Jay Heeter is working to protect the wintertime outdoor experience for skiers, snowshoers, and winter hikers through the CMC Backcountry Snowsports Initiative (BSI). As director, I’m busy this time of year with the Colorado State Assembly, advocating for the interests of hikers, climbers, and other human-powered recreation users on our great state’s public lands and parks.

The work of CMC conservation can be summed up very simply: *we advocate for the recreational interests of CMC members and seek to give back by creating a culture of stewardship within CMC.* Our four focus areas flow directly from that belief: *Protecting Wild*

Places, Restoring the Quiet Recreational Experience, Stewardship, and Access.

We are working on passing wilderness legislation for the Hidden Gems campaign in the White River National Forest area, the San Juan Mountains, and Brown’s Canyon of the Arkansas River. We are engaged on the Colorado Roadless Rule, which is an opportunity to build lasting protection for millions of acres of our National Forests. We are involved in motorized travel planning processes on federal lands, which directly impact the quiet and solitude of our forests, mountains, and canyons. Δ



To find out more and to get involved, sign up for our conservation e-newsletter and alerts at www.cmc.org; click on “CMC e-newsletters.”

SAVING THE SAN LUIS
SEARCHING FOR PROTECTION FOR THE HISTORIC VALLEY

By JAY HEETER, CONSERVATION COORDINATOR

ON JANUARY 4, the San Luis Valley hosted a collection of high-powered officials that has not likely been matched in the area’s history. United States Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar hails from the valley and has made the place a priority for protection. As a result of his invitations, January’s event at Adams State College convened both Colorado Senators (Mark Udall and Michael Bennet), Governor John Hickenlooper, Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture John Salazar, National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Daniel Ashe, and others. The meeting served as an open house of sorts, and the group laid out for the public one vision of protection for the valley.

Secretary Salazar’s announced goal is to protect the cultural, historical and biological values of the area. In particular, the Latino heritage sites are special to the Secretary. The first non-native people in the valley were Spanish and Mexican settlers who came before the area was incorporated into the United States. Some of their architecture remains today, and a version of their 17th century



Spanish language is still spoken by locals. Besides potentially funding and designating historical resources, a planned study would likely lead to protections for habitat and wildlife as well.

The Sangre de Cristo mountains that form the flank of the valley provide a wild space in a landscape that has largely given way to farming. As part of the greater area surrounding the Great Sand Dunes National Park, the valley is especially important as a wildlife migration corridor. Not lost on the local residents is the importance of protecting habitat for game species like deer, elk,

and predators.

As Conservation Coordinator for the Colorado Mountain Club, Jay Heeter attended the event to lend the club’s support for the study. The study itself will take years to complete, and new protective designations could be decades in the making. That said, the CMC has a 100-year history of standing up for Colorado and Coloradans. We are happy to see new initiatives for Colorado, just as we are happy to complete and help manage older ones. We look forward to continuing this kind of work for another 100 years. Δ

WE WANT YOU
2012 STEWARDSHIP PREVIEW

By LISA CASHEL, STEWARDSHIP MANAGER

EXPLORE NEW TRAILS. Meet new friends. Enjoy the satisfaction of working outdoors. Contribute to landscape conservation. Give back to the resources you love to enjoy. Help us meet our goal of 8,000 volunteer stewardship hours in 2012.

CMC Conservation Staff are coordinating another great season of projects around the state. Here is a sampling of the projects offered by the CMC State Office in 2012. Check www.cmc.org/stewardship for dates and registration. CMC groups also offer an array of projects during the summer—listed on the activity schedule and in group newsletters.

10th Mountain Division Hut Association

The second annual hut caretaking trip with one of our Backcountry Snowsports Initiative partners. Volunteers will clean the hut, restock, and chop wood for the upcoming backcountry season. Volunteers earn a free hut stay.

Blanca Peak

The CMC will assist Rocky Mountain Field Institute to complete a two-year trail project to establish summit routes to Blanca and Ellingwood peaks. This project will include high elevation rock work and a rewarding summit of Blanca Peak.

North Maroon Peak

The CMC will assist the Colorado Fourteeners Initiative in establishing a safer and more sustainable route between Crater Lake and the rock glacier.

Four Pass Loop

The CMC continues to improve the highly impacted Four Pass Loop trail in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness.

Beaver Brook Trail

Did you know that Denver Mountain Parks is also celebrating its centennial in 2012? CMC members helped establish many early parks and trails, including the Beaver Brook Trail on Lookout Mountain. Continue the legacy by joining us for a trail maintenance project and celebration.

Wild and Scenic Film Festival

The festival tour brings together the best of

the home festival’s films in a three-hour program. Join us for inspiring and educational environmental films.

Ophir Fens

Join the CMC and Mountain Studies Institute in an effort to restore high elevation wetlands near Silverton.

Browns Canyon

Join us for a service project during the Centennial Celebration in Buena Vista! Δ

Put One in Your Pack and Go for a Hike

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WHEN MARKETING AND MEMBERSHIP COLLIDE

2011 YEAR IN REVIEW

BY RACHEL SCOTT, MARKETING AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

IN 2011, THE new brand and face of the Colorado Mountain Club was enthusiastically embraced across the state, enhancing the CMC look for prospective and longtime members—and ushering in the club's centennial year. The new brand was translated across nearly all marketing mediums, including our email marketing platform, social media, promotional items, public relations and press packets, outreach materials used during events, and advertisements promoting the club around the state.

The last item to undergo the brand enhancement is the website, which is undergoing a full facelift and redesign. This has been a primary focus of the marketing department throughout the fiscal year of 2011. Utilizing feedback from members, nonmembers, staff, groups, board members, and outside consulting firm, we are creating a much more robust website that will be released in 2012. Coupled with the new look, significant improvements on both the behind-the-scenes functionality and user experience have been made.

Also new for 2011 was the merger and evolution of the marketing and membership departments. Membership services has been moved into the marketing department to better align goals, attract more members, help with retention, and provide a support system for membership services employees. Acting with goal-oriented objectives in mind, the department has been able to accomplish some notable things with regard to membership: increasing the participation and memberships at MountainFest by 432% while bringing in \$10,000 in gross revenue and selling out three schools; selling 89 new gift memberships through a targeted holiday campaign in two days (which is more than we typically sell in a single month); implementing trip leader, school instructor, and volunteer incentives through an online prodeal website that offers steeply discounted outdoor gear for involved volunteer club leaders; and increasing awareness and overall participation in trips through a guest pass campaign across the state. Δ



▲ (LEFT TO RIGHT) RACHEL SCOTT, MARKETING AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR; KRISTIN D'EPAGNIER, DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING COORDINATOR; JAN MONNIER, MEMBERSHIP SERVICES REPRESENTATIVES.

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SAYING GOODBYE TO A FRIEND

ALAN STARK RETIRES AS DIRECTOR OF THE CMC PRESS

BY KATIE BLACKETT, CEO

IN JANUARY, CMC PRESS director Alan Stark retired from the CMC. I had known this day was coming, but chose to pleasantly enjoy having Alan on the CMC team for as long as possible.



As many of you know, starting a new job is scary, stressful, and, at times, lonely—especially when you're the new gal who is making some major changes to a 100-year-old organization! During my first year at the CMC, Alan not only

became my employee, he became my friend. He and I would meet for breakfast on Friday mornings in Boulder to talk work, but it also became therapy for me. Alan supported me, the changes I was making, and cheered me on when the going got rough. He always made sure to ask how I was doing when we'd sit down to eat and wanted to make sure I was hanging in there. This is a rare and unique partnership that I have enjoyed while working with Alan.

Alan himself came into the CMC at a time when the publications department needed some tender loving care. Alan used his numerous years of professional publications experience (he worked for The Mountaineers Books prior) along with his passion for the Colorado Mountain Club to take our publications department and turn it into a professional, successful, and sustainable arm of the organization. Under Alan's leadership, the Press did CMC's only professional marketing and ad-

vertising for many years. He branded the CMC with our publications and made sure our books were found in Barnes & Noble, Amazon, and every book shop throughout Colorado. Alan helped non-CMC members appreciate our mission with his titles. The revenue he generated through the Press further advanced other areas of the club, and the Press Advisory Board flourished under his leadership and played a major role in creating the 100th anniversary book, *100 Years Up High*, that we're all enjoying today. His brilliant idea to have pack guides for our various groups provided support to our many groups as well as an awareness in their individual communities.

I could go on and on about how great an asset Alan has been to the CMC. He was, is, and will continue to be a friend and a partner to not only myself but the CMC mission as well. Δ

30 YEARS AGO

REMEMBERING FRANZ MOHLING

BY RICHARD JONES

IT WAS 30 YEARS AGO that Franz Mohling and about a dozen CMC members from Boulder joined the 6th Iowa Mountaineers expedition to the Cordillera Blanca of Peru. Included in the CMC group were Ken Nolan, Phil Cloud, and Richard Jones.

The photos in the display are of the climb of Huascarán, the highest peak in Peru and the final climb of the trip. It was less than one year later that Franz was killed with three others in an avalanche on Mount Logan in Canada.

Franz was an important member of the mountaineering community, first in Seattle and then in Boulder. He had first ascents on three continents, was an original contributor to *Freedom of the Hills*, was the director of the Boulder CMC Mountaineering School and a chairman of the Boulder Group. His infectious enthusiasm attracted many to come and love the mountains. Δ



▲ RICHARD JONES (LEFT), CMC PRESIDENT IN 1987, PRESENTS A DISPLAY MEMORIALIZING FRANZ MOHLING TO GARY NEPTUNE IN FEBRUARY 2011. THE DISPLAY IS HANGING IN THE NEPTUNE MOUNTAINEERING STORE IN BOULDER.

AROUND COLORADO

OUR GROUPS ACROSS THE STATE

BOULDER

Anytime is a great time to get to know the CMC Boulder Group! Visit our website at <http://cmcboulder.org> or our Facebook Page or attend an Open House on March 21 or May 16, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Recent Highlights

We celebrated the grand opening of our new clubroom in December. We are now located in Table Mesa Shopping Center, 633 S. Broadway, Unit K, in between H&R Block and Neptune Mountaineering. CMC is now proudly announced by a professional illuminated sign.

Winter Boulder Mountaineering Schools just wrapped up. The next chance to sign up for BMS courses will be Spring/Summer. See our website for more information. Orientation to learn more



about our Spring/Summer schools is Monday, February 27, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Online School Sign-Ups start Tuesday, February 28, at 8 AM. The orientation is optional; you may sign up online without attending. Our schools fill up quickly, so do not hesitate!

We also have plenty of trips scheduled. Members may view trips on the state activity schedule at www.cmc.org or Boulder Group trips may also be viewed at <http://cmcboulder.org> by clicking the "Upcoming Trips" tab at the top right of the welcome page.

We hope to see you at a CMC Boulder Group event soon.

PIKES PEAK

The Pikes Peak group of the Colorado Mountain Club is based out of Colorado Springs. We are a diverse group of some 600 members offering a variety of activities and challenge levels including hiking, backpacking, rock climbing, biking, ice climbing, skiing, and snowshoeing.



We offer many courses, including basic mountaineering, which entails wilderness fundamentals, land navigation, rock climbing, alpine snow mountaineering, ice climbing, and backpacking. Our high altitude mountaineering course includes glacier travel. Other courses include backcountry skiing, anchor building, lead climbing, avalanche awareness, snowshoe-

ing, mountain-oriented first aid, beacon search practice, and winter wilderness survival.

Get Involved

The Pikes Peak Group is actively recruiting instructors for our 2012 BMS series. Please contact Collin Powers at powerscollin@yahoo.com if you are interested in giving back.

March 15: Basic Mountaineering School Wilderness Fundamentals Module. April 10: Basic Mountaineering School Land Navigation. May 16: Basic Mountaineering School Colorado Rock Climbing. For any of these schools, please contact Collin Powers at ppg_bms_director@yahoo.com or enroll online at www.cmc.org/events.

Learn More

Attend the Pikes Peak group monthly meeting the third Tuesday of each month (except in May, November, and December) at 7:30 p.m. at the All Souls Unitarian Church. Or, connect with members of the group by joining us on one of our many trips or classes.

GORE RANGE GROUP

How lucky can a chapter of the Colorado Mountain Club be? Along with all of the adventures and trips available to those of us lucky enough to live in Colorado, many of the activities of the Gore Range Group take place, literally, right out of our back doors.

The trails, rivers, abundant snowfall, and glorious vistas of Eagle and Summit Counties provide everything our members need to enjoy the exhilaration of mountain living and



adventuring. Skiing of every kind, camping, hiking, backpacking, hut trips, float trips, snowshoeing by sunlight and by moonlight are just some of the activities that keep our members actively engaged. Social events like picnics, potlucks, and parties add opportunities to reminisce about past excursions and dream about upcoming ventures. You may even find our members enjoying hot springs and dude ranches.

The Gore Range Group is actively involved in conservation initiatives as well as trail building and maintenance, and volunteer work involving highway, trail, and river clean-up. Many of our members actively took part in the writing of the (hopefully) soon to be published *Best Vail Valley Hikes* book.

For more information about the GRG, find us on Facebook, at Gore Range Group CMC, or find our list of activities on the CMC website, www.cmc.org/groups/gorerange or call Lee at 970-476-4567 or Colleen at 970-331-9624.

DENVER

The Denver group has over 3,700 outdoor-loving, fun-seeking members living in Metro Denver. Our diverse membership ranges from young adults (18+) to the Trailblazers (21 to 40) to our very active Over the Hill Gang (50+). Want to learn a new skill? Spring 2012 will be offering the following courses: Fly Fishing School begins April 2; Wilderness Trekking School begins April 3; Wilderness Survival School begins May 16; Trip Leader School is May 8; Wilderness First Aid; Alpine Scrambling Course begins May 31; Advanced Crevasse Rescue will be in May; and Basic Rock Climbing School is offered in June and fills up FAST! Already have the skills so now you want to play? Check out the online activity schedule and sign up. We have something going on just about everyday of the week from leisure wildflower hikes to technical climbs over 14,000 feet, fly-fishing adventures, rock climbing in Eldorado Canyon plus so much more. Check out



the official Denver group website for more information and updates: www.hikingdenver.net. Also sign up for our monthly electronic newsletter the *Mile High Mountaineer* which includes all of our fun "Out and About Town" activities including group dinners, movies, happy hours and more.

Get Involved

Join us on April 21 as we celebrate Earth Day by volunteering at Chatfield State Park. Help us maintain the hiking trails along the South Platte River and in the Audubon area. It's a great location for the early spring when high country trails are not accessible. Sign up for this and other trail crew opportunities online through the activity schedule. And as always, the Denver group has many fantastic volunteer opportunities open to our members. We are always looking for new trip leaders to lead A, B, C and D hikes throughout the year; we offer trip leader training to help you get started. Our next trip leader training will be held May 8. We are also recruiting fun-lovin' folks to help with Centennial Celebration Fest, July 21, 2012, in Buena Vista. Members from across the state will come together for recreation, fun, food, music, and beer! Leaders are needed to lead trips in the Collegiate Peaks, lake hikes, thirteener and fourteener hikes, and bike trips. Contact Linda Lawson at lk14er@comcast.net.

Learn More

Keep an eye on www.hikingdenver.net and the *Mile High Mountaineer* for upcoming special events and monthly new member hikes and orientations. We are adding new events all the time. Have a question today? Contact Denver Group Council member Sharon Kratze at skratze@gmail.com. We invite you to join the Denver Group and look forward to playing with you this summer!

ASPEN

The Aspen group, with 200 members, continues to grow in the Roaring Fork Valley. In August we hosted a Wilderness Seminar at the 10th Mountain's Margy's Hut with Paul Andersen as our leader and facilitator. It was a tremendous success with many young adults and veteran members from near and far sharing a dialogue about

wilderness values in a beautiful wilderness setting for three days. We are working to be more efficient administratively and have started using Google's Gmail and calendar applications. You can now email the group at aspencomtclub@gmail.com.

Our winter calendar of events starts off with the group's annual banquet on December 11th and is followed by a flurry of ski tours, hut trips, and evening travel slideshows. With so much variety there is something that will suit nearly every member. Follow what we're up to on facebook ("The Official Aspen Chapter of the Colorado Mountain Club") or email us at the address above to find out about what we're up to.



EL PUEBLO

The El Pueblo group of the CMC is looking forward to an exciting ski season! We have sponsored a free cross-country ski school for many years. The school is appropriate for "never-ers" to seasoned skiers, and is always a lot of fun. This year the school will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011, weather permitting, on the closest good snow, usually near San Isabel or Monarch Park. Watch the schedule for details!



GONE WILD

PRIMITIVE SURVIVAL SKILLS

BY RYAN JOHNS, YOUTH EDUCATION MANAGER



In this age of GPS, JetBoil stoves, Bic lighters, and avalanche packs with built in airbags it can be a bit challenging to make a good argument for studying the art of primitive survival skills. When someone discovers that I've made fire from materials I've found on the ground, I'm often asked, "But, why not just carry a lighter?"

FAIR QUESTION. "Because I might forget one." That is my typical response, but to be honest there is much more to the story. Learning to keep yourself alive with only what nature has to offer is more than a functional tool if you get lost. It is a way to tap into the skills that our ancestors used on a daily basis. It is a way to look into the cycles of nature and discover how you can make yourself a part of it. It is one more excuse to get outside, get dirty, and

have fun in a way that most of us have long forgotten how to do.

Where to start? Start with a couple of good books and practice the skills they offer. Take a course on survival or primitive skills because we live in Colorado and there is no shortage of skilled individuals who want to share their knowledge with a willing participant. Most importantly, though, you need to get outside and practice. You need to set snares

and watch them fail 50 times before you get it right. Build calluses on your hands until you finally feel the heat of fire and want to scream in satisfaction that you *can* actually make fire with a little trial and error and a lot of passion.

Reading a book is great, but practice in the field is more fun and, ultimately, more rewarding. Let's look at some activities that you can practice in your own backyard or local open space:

▼ ALL OF THE IMAGES BELOW WERE TAKEN AT A SMALL SPOT ON SOUTH TABLE MOUNTAIN NEAR GOLDEN, COLO. OVER THE COURSE OF SIX MONTHS. IF YOU SIT AND LOOK, YOU'RE BOUND TO FIND BEAUTY AND LIFE. CHRIS CASE (5)



CREATE A "SIT SPOT" AND STICK WITH IT. The idea behind a sit spot is to find a wild spot in your neighborhood, park, or favorite hiking location where you can dedicate a small amount of time every day to learning about the cycles of life that exist there, simply by sitting and observing. There is a small gully less than a block from my house in the middle of the city where I sometimes sit. Start small and dedicate 10 minutes every week to sitting in the same spot. Once you've found that appealing spot, you can increase the

frequency and time that you sit and watch. You will be fascinated to see how that one spot will change through the seasons. Animals that you never thought you would see will accept you as part of the woods and go on about their business. It's like your own private nature channel and all it takes is a little patience. You will find that your sit spot will become more favorable than your favorite lounge or couch and I can't emphasize enough the skills that you will take away from this simple activity.





TEACH YOURSELF TO TRACK ANIMALS. Tracking isn't just for hunters. Tracking is a skill that opens your eyes to the forest community and can mean the difference between life and death in a true survival situation. Do you have a pet? A dog, cat, turtle, hamster, and even a hermit crab can teach you a lot about tracking in the wild. What is great about using your pet as a starting point is that you

can watch it move from one place to another so you know where the tracks should be. You can compare the tracks of your dog when it was running, trotting, or simply walking. Start by tracking your pet in something easy like snow or sand. Pay attention to the details. You can do a little bit of this every day whenever you go out for a walk. Once you get a feel for what the track looks like in one

condition you can start playing with others like tracking in your lawn, over gravel, or even over solid stone. Animals always leave some sign that they have been there; it is up to us to create the proper mindset and practice to see it. You can find great images of animal tracks online and use those images when you go for a hike to identify the tracks you see. Follow those tracks as far as you can and see where the trail leads you. This stuff is fun. *See Trail & Timberline Issue 1008 for more info on tracking.*



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BUILD A SHELTER (OR TWO) AND SLEEP IN IT. There are plenty of survival shelter options out there and even more videos of different shelter building techniques on YouTube. But reading about a shelter and actually building a functional one are two very different things. Tom Brown, Jr. is a famous survivalist and primitive skills instructor and he says it best when he asks his students to "watch the squirrels." We are fooling ourselves if we think that we know how to build

the best shelters because we humans know how to build high rise hotels. Squirrels pile insulation on themselves to such a degree it looks excessive. Excessive, that is, until you try to spend a night outside in a debris shelter that is too thin. Notice that after a strong wind storm with branches scattered all over the ground you will look up and see that the nests built in the tree branches are still there. They know what they are doing and we just need to watch, learn, and respect.

RYAN JOHNS



PRIMITIVE SKILLS AREN'T just about survival. Sometimes it is simply about "doing it yourself" and feeling confident that you don't have to rely on something that comes out of a box or plastic wrap to get you through your day-to-day life. When I was young, my mother made her own baskets out of grasses she found along the Highline Canal in the middle of Denver. There was a sense of pride in our family when we used those baskets on a daily basis. Using our hands to create our tools, find our food, or heal our sick is something that most of us have lost touch with—lost touch to the point that we don't actually believe it is possible anymore. That is a belief that I challenge.

When you create something with your hands and when you share that item with a friend it changes our perception of how we

acquire our goods. There was a time when if you wanted something you had to make it or trade with someone who could make it. Those days are far behind us and we have the luxury to buy what we need whenever we want it. But that option of trading and building hasn't passed us by, it has simply changed from a necessity to a choice. Call it a hobby or call it a way of life, but when you learn the skills of the past you bring a culture long forgotten back to life. You discover a pride in knowing a skill that few people do in our culture; you feel a sense of confidence in yourself and you instill this desire for education and independent confidence in the next generation to come when you pass these skills on. Play around and have fun with this stuff but I warn you...it can be addictive. Δ

SOME RESOURCES

- *Tom Brown's Field Guide to Wilderness Survival*, by Tom Brown Jr. and Brandt Morgan
- *Tom Brown's Field Guide to Nature Observation and Tracking*, by Tom Brown Jr. and Brandt Morgan
- The Cottonwood Institute Survival Clinics at REI — www.cottonwoodinstitute.org/upcoming-events-2/
- Boulder Outdoor Survival School (BOSS) — www.boss-inc.com/

MARCH SNOWS BRING SPRING SNOWSHOES

BY ALAN APT



CHRIS CASE

SNOWSHOEING is one of the fastest growing sports in the U.S., with people of all ages venturing out in the winter for the first time. It's one of the easiest ways to enjoy the magic of winter, requiring very little skill, unlike cross-country skiing, for example. If you can walk, you can snowshoe. And modern snowshoes are short and light, and very easy to use.

Traditionally, March and April are Colorado's snowiest months, and in May mountain snowstorms are also common. This makes it a great time of year for snowshoeing. Late spring in the high country is often a "tweener season," between hiking and snow sports. Snowshoes will give you the flexibility to fully enjoy this time of the year—rocks, drifts and all. Most of the winter, only the highest trails—above 9,000 or 10,000 feet—have enough snow for good snowshoeing. In late winter and early spring, even trails below 9,000 feet get good coverage, and Front Range upslope storms make foothill routes enjoyable on snowshoes or cross-country skis.

So, you don't have to drive as far to get to trails, and this time of the year brings longer days, and generally warmer temperatures. This can also mean wetter snow that can be challenging, but getting an early start will mean the snow will be more powdery.

Here are some excellent places for spring snowshoeing from some of the 80-plus routes in my new CMC Press title, *Snowshoe Routes, Colorado's Front Range, Second Edition*.

ECHO LAKE

Visit a frozen high mountain lake in a spectacular setting. Echo Lake, near Mount Evans, is 15 miles south of Idaho Springs. It usually has reliable snow because of the elevation (10,598 feet) and the route is a flat 2 miles around the entire lake. If you want to extend your jaunt, add the first part of the Chicago Lakes trail, west of the

ST. MARY'S GLACIER

West of Idaho Springs, St. Mary's Glacier also offers great scenery close to Denver. The soaring ridgeline above the frozen lake is impressive. It is less than a mile to the bottom of the lake; a more challenging outing can be had if you climb to the top of the snowfield. Stay to the east side to avoid avalanche danger, and away from the ridge top and chutes. It is a 2-mile, easy round trip to the foot of the permanent snowfield and lake, and a climb of 600 feet and 4 miles to the top of the desiccated glacier. There is little avalanche danger unless you venture onto the steep slopes west of the lake.

visitor center for directions to several options in the park. Check out the Raccoon Trail, a 3-mile loop, near the Black Hawk-Rollinsville turnoff, and enjoy the spectacular overlook of the Continental Divide. The undulating terrain adds some 500 feet in elevation change, and can be extended by taking the Bootleg Bottom option. There is a \$7 per day fee, or you may opt for the annual state park pass. Maps and directions can be found on the state park's website.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

As many of you know, the park is a winter wonderland. Try the stunning glacial mo-

than the Bear Lake area, so visiting after a spring snowstorm is a better option. You can snowshoe as far as you like in the riparian valley, 2.7 miles to Ouzel Falls, or 6 strenuous miles to Bluebird Lake, climbing gradually as you go. Maybe most importantly, you can enjoy the warming hut, featuring free hot chocolate or tea, on weekends.

THE CRAGS

Soaring rock outcrops on the west side of Pikes Peak, the Craggs—along with neighboring Mueller State Park—are great options west of Colorado Springs, and feature snowshoe routes of many lengths. The

choose from. Stop at the visitor center for a map and suggestions. You can see the distant Sangre De Cristo Range from the easy 2.2 mile Homestead Trail, and the west slopes of Pikes Peak from the easy 2.2 mile Peak View, Elk Meadow, and Livery Trails. You will lose and gain around 300 feet on each option, all without avalanche danger in either area. However, the Craggs can be slippery and hazardous if you try to summit. There is a \$7 visitor fee for the state park, while the Craggs area is free.

DUNRAVEN TRAIL

This rambling trail, a foothills option close

You can go as far as 15 miles with no avalanche danger, and enjoy the gorgeous riparian area, and then the high mountain cirque and frozen lake if you get that far. Enjoy a shorter 5 to 6 mile roundtrip option by trekking to the closer campsites, and then reverse course, losing and gaining around 400 feet.

CAMERON PASS

West of Ft. Collins, Cameron Pass is a very popular area for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. The Big South Trail is the closest option, as you drive up the Poudre Canyon on Highway 14 toward the pass. Snowshoe next to the South Fork of the



primary trailhead and picnic area. Or, go uphill to the Mount Evans Scenic Byway from the south end of the lake trail and enjoy the scenery of the Mount Evans massif without the cars. You can also skip the easy Echo Lake routes, park at the closed byway gate, and go straight uphill on the road as it switchbacks through the trees. The views improve with every step as the road gradually climbs. There is no avalanche danger below the first rest area.

You can add James Peak (13,250 feet) to your St. Mary's outing if you want a more strenuous climb of around 3,000 feet and have avalanche training. The route is above the snowfield, and requires good route finding and map and compass skills.

GOLDEN GATE CANYON STATE PARK

This scenic Colorado State Park west of Golden and south of Nederland offers a variety of mellow rolling trails. Stop at the

▲ THE VIEW OF THE MOUNT EVANS MASSIF FROM THE CHICAGO LAKES BASIN, NEAR ECHO LAKE. CHRIS CASE

rairie of Wild Basin, just north of Allenspark on the Peak to Peak Highway. Wild Basin has a frozen stream and waterfalls to visit, clothed in the sparkling ice of winter. Watch the rainbow of colors through the winter prism as the sun bounces through the whitened pine boughs. It is lower in elevation



▲ THE NOKHU CRAGS, MOUNT MAHLER, AND SEVEN UTES MOUNTAIN IN THE NEVER SUMMER MOUNTAIN RANGE. ALAN APT

Craggs jaunt is a gently rolling trail that goes 3 miles up to the foot of the towering picturesque rock formations while gradually climbing 800 feet. Turn around at any point and still enjoy a great outing. Both areas feature rolling hills and great views. Mueller State Park offers more trail options to

to Loveland and Fort Collins off of the Big Thompson Canyon, will take you into the Lost Lake area of Rock Mountain National Park. This is another beautiful riparian area, with a trail that rolls gently next to a frozen stream, with great foothills and mountain views. Enjoy the soaring cliffs, thick snow-draped forest, and classic, high mountain meadows. The trail will take you up to 16 miles to Lost Lake while gaining 2,000 feet, if you want a winter backpacking adventure.

Poudre River on a gradually climbing trail. Zimmerman Lake and the Michigan Ditch trails are easy routes closer to the pass. The lake trail requires some 500 feet of climbing along its 4 miles, while the Ditch trail is a very gentle trail of 6 miles.

Check the Colorado Avalanche Information Center website (<http://avalanche.state.co.us>) for snow conditions at your possible destinations. ▲

Creating a New Club and a New National Park

By Janet N. Robertson



LONGS PEAK. THOUGH BEST KNOWN FOR HIS INTERPRETATIONS OF THE GRAND CANYON, MERRILL MAHAFFEY TURNED HIS HAND TO OTHER REGIONS AS WELL. THIS DRAMATIC PAINTING OF LONGS PEAK AND THE FAMOUS DIAMOND, STANDING HIGH OVER CHASM LAKE, HANGS IN THE DENVER STATE CAPITOL. PAINTING BY MERRILL MAHAFFEY. COURTESY OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, STATE OF COLORADO.

"[T]he most strenuous and unpleasant struggle that I was ever connected with."

- JAMES GRAFTON ROGERS, describing the fight to create Rocky Mountain National Park

100 Years Up High

COLORADO MOUNTAINS & MOUNTAINEERS



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100 YEARS UP HIGH. THIS ARTICLE WAS EXCERPTED FROM THE NEW TITLE FROM THE CMC PRESS WHICH COMMEMORATES THE 20TH CENTURY IN OUR HOME MOUNTAINS WITH IMAGES AND ESSAYS ON CLIMBING, SKIING, CONSERVATION, MOUNTAIN ART, AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK—WRITTEN TO CELEBRATE THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB AND THE ROLE IT HAS PLAYED IN MOUNTAIN RECREATION, EDUCATION, AND CONSERVATION IN COLORADO.

It’s no coincidence that the Colorado Mountain Club and Rocky Mountain National Park were created within a few years of each other. Each was championed by the same dedicated group of service-minded, outdoor-oriented people.

ONE ENCOUNTERS VARIOUS passionate opinions as to who had the idea to start the Colorado Mountain Club, founded in 1912. Patricia Fazio, who conducted extensive research for her master’s thesis, credits Enos Mills with the concept. She cites a letter he wrote on July 24, 1911, to a Denver lawyer named James Grafton Rogers. In the letter, Mills thanks Rogers for agreeing to take the lead in forming a mountain climbing club,

suggesting only that he request bylaws from the Appalachian and Sierra clubs. Three days later, Rogers replied by letter, saying he would “take up at least part of the burden” but that the real process of the organization would be delayed “until the mountain climbers have returned from their vacations.”

However, in later reminiscences, neither Rogers nor Mary S. Sabin mentioned Enos

Mills. Instead, they politely gave each other credit for starting the Colorado Mountain Club. What is known is that Rogers and Sabin sent out invitations to a meeting that was held on April 3, 1912, at the home of Mrs. Junius F. Brown at 933 Pennsylvania Street in Denver, where Sabin was staying. Seven people accepted the invitation, gathering to discuss the possibility of forming a club that would “make the best of Colorado’s most striking resource—its mountains.” On April 26, meeting at the same location, 25 people convened to organize what would become the Colorado Mountain Club, electing officers and forming committees. On May 30, the CMC conducted its first official trip, a hike to the top of South Boulder Peak.



MILLS HAD LIKELY SOUGHT out Rogers in particular because the two men already



JAMES GRAFTON ROGERS. A DENVER ATTORNEY AND MAN OF MANY TALENTS, ROGERS LED THE COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB IN ITS FIRST YEARS AND WAS A MAJOR FORCE IN THE CREATION OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. COURTESY OF COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB ARCHIVES.

knew each other. According to Rogers, they first met in 1895, when Mills was 25 years old and Rogers was 12.

The two were very different people. They were initially friends, however, both dedicated to creating a national park. (But a few years after the club was formed, Mills turned on Rogers, as we discuss later.)

Mills came from a small town in Kansas, having been schooled through the eighth grade. He was sickly, later diagnosed as being wheat intolerant. At the age of 14, he headed west to Estes Park, where he stayed at the home of his uncle Elkanah Lamb and his family while working at various resorts. At 19, Mills had a chance meeting with John Muir, who became his mentor. Muir incited Mills not only to travel, to read, and to learn but also to work for the preservation of scenery, to polish his speaking and writing skills, and to interest the common man in Nature—to become, essentially, its interpreter.

Well before 1910, Mills had become a staunch advocate for what eventually did

become Rocky Mountain National Park. Although he’d written a few books, he was far better known nationally as a speaker, having presented more than 2,000 “forestry addresses” in addition to short talks about trees, birds, and nature.



ROGERS, WHOSE PARENTS were Canadian, was born in Denver. After graduating from Yale, he earned a law degree at the University of Denver. He then married Cora May Peabody, whose father, James, had been governor of Colorado from 1903 to 1905. (Gubernatorial terms were only two years at that time.) One of Rogers’s law partners was Morrison Shafroth, whose father, John, had been governor and served as a US senator from 1913 to 1919.

Rogers wrote that Morrison Shafroth, as chair of the CMC’s National Park Committee, may have been one of the club’s most powerful benefactors, “always ready to travel to Washington with boxes of lantern slides and portfolios of photographs, in hopes of furthering the park cause.”

In the summer of 1912, Chief Geographer Robert Marshall of the US Geological Survey (not to be confused with Bob Marshall, born in 1901, who worked for the Forest Service and was one of the founders of The Wilderness Society) took a vigorous six-day trip to examine the topography of the proposed park. He was impressed. In December, Marshall issued a glowing report on the area’s scenery, enthusiastically endorsing the project.

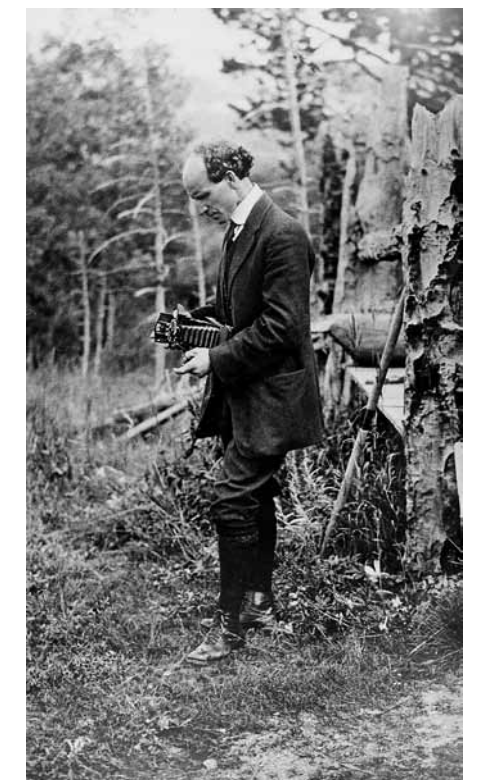
With Marshall’s go-ahead, one of the first orders of business became figuring out what land the national park would include. As Rogers wrote: “Nobody had made public and familiar such essential elements as boundaries, acreage or property problems. There were no detailed maps except amateurish sketches, few, crude, and erroneous. In these matters the Club could contribute more familiarity and geographic knowledge than any agency in America. And it did. The Club drew the first outline of boundaries.”

In 1905, on top of a mountain where Marshall was surveying, Rogers and Marshall encountered each other for the first time. “They sat and talked of many things, including Marshall’s difficulties in determining the right names for mountains on the Bear Creek watershed.” Rogers assisted Marshall in resolving these issues.

So, in 1913, when Marshall came to Denver, he sought out Rogers, and the two men strategized about the proposed park. Marshall, whom Rogers later called “very wise and helpful,” said that Congress would be much more likely to approve the new park if its geographical features had names rather than blanks.



TO THIS END, IN 1914, Rogers formed the CMC nomenclature committee, appointing Harriet Vaille as chair. Nearly 50 years later, she described the committee’s mission: “As the Mountain Club campers of 1913 ranged the mountains and cañons, they were struck by the utter wildness and lack of human association in the region and they wondered if it would not be possible to recover some Indian memories and names to add interest for future visitors to the hoped for national park. [The nomenclature committee’s] big



ENOS MILLS. NATURALIST, INNKEEPER, AND LECTURER, THE IRASCIBLE MILLS WAS A MAJOR FORCE IN THE CREATION OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. COURTESY OF COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB ARCHIVES.



PUDDLE JUMPER. AGNES VAILLE, ONE OF COLORADO'S MOST FAMOUS EARLY MOUNTAINEERS, PRACTICES A PUDDLE JUMP AT AN EARLY COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING. COURTESY OF COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB ARCHIVES.



WOMEN'S TUG O' WAR. THROWING DECORUM TO THE WINDS, THESE HIKERS HAD ENOUGH ENERGY LEFT TO TEST WHICH GROUP WAS THE STRONGEST AND MOST DETERMINED IN THIS EARLY COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB OUTING. COURTESY OF COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB ARCHIVES.

project was to bring some old Indians back to our mountains. Mr. Rogers asked Dr. Livingston Farrand, noted anthropologist, for guidance in this. Dr. Farrand was then the President of the University of Colorado and kindly met with the committee."

He advised them to consult some northern Arapahos from the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming. Vaile went to Chicago's Newberry Library to research the Indians in the Rockies. Meanwhile, her friend, Edna Hendrie, went to Washington, D.C., where, "working through the kind offices of Senator Shafroth," the Commissioner of Indian Affairs wrote a letter of introduction to the superintendent of the Wind River Reservation requesting that he help the young women in every way he could. "This he certainly did," Vaile recalled.

Vaile and Hendrie interviewed Arapahos on the reservation, finally arranging for three of them to take the train to Colorado. They were Gun Griswold, at 73, the group's patriarch; Sherman Sage, 63, chief of police on the reservation; and Tom Crispin, 38, a fluent interpreter. In Longmont, the trio was met by two cars, one driven by the Hendrie chauffeur, and the other by Vaile's father, F. O., who insisted on driving his own vehicle. He also insisted that Gun Griswold sit beside him.

They stayed at Enos Mills's Longs Peak Inn. On July 16, the party set out on horseback. In addition to the Arapahos, the party consisted of Shep Husted, a superb mountain guide from Estes Park; Oliver Toll, Vaile's cousin, whom she chose as the group's leader and official recorder of information; and David Hawkins, a young tourist from the East and a CMC member. (Vaile did not join the group because it wasn't considered appropriate for respect-



MARY SABIN. ALONG WITH JAMES GRAFTON ROGERS, SHE WAS A KEY FIGURE IN THE FOUNDING OF THE COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB. COURTESY OF COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB ARCHIVES.



HALLET GLACIER GROTTO. THIS IMAGE, MADE FROM A HAND-TINTED LANTERN SLIDE, DEPICTS A PARTY OF CLIMBERS FROM THE COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB EXPLORING A GROTTO IN WHAT IS NOW KNOWN AS ROWE GLACIER. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE GROTTO STILL EXISTS. PHOTOGRAPH BY C. F. REED. COURTESY OF THE COLORADO HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

able women to accompany an all-male group.)

The party rode to Grand Lake by one route and back to Longs Peak Inn by another, returning on July 28. As a result of Toll's meticulous notes, the group gained much knowledge of the region and its many Arapaho names, such as "Lumpy Ridge," the "Twin Owls," and the "Never Summer Range."

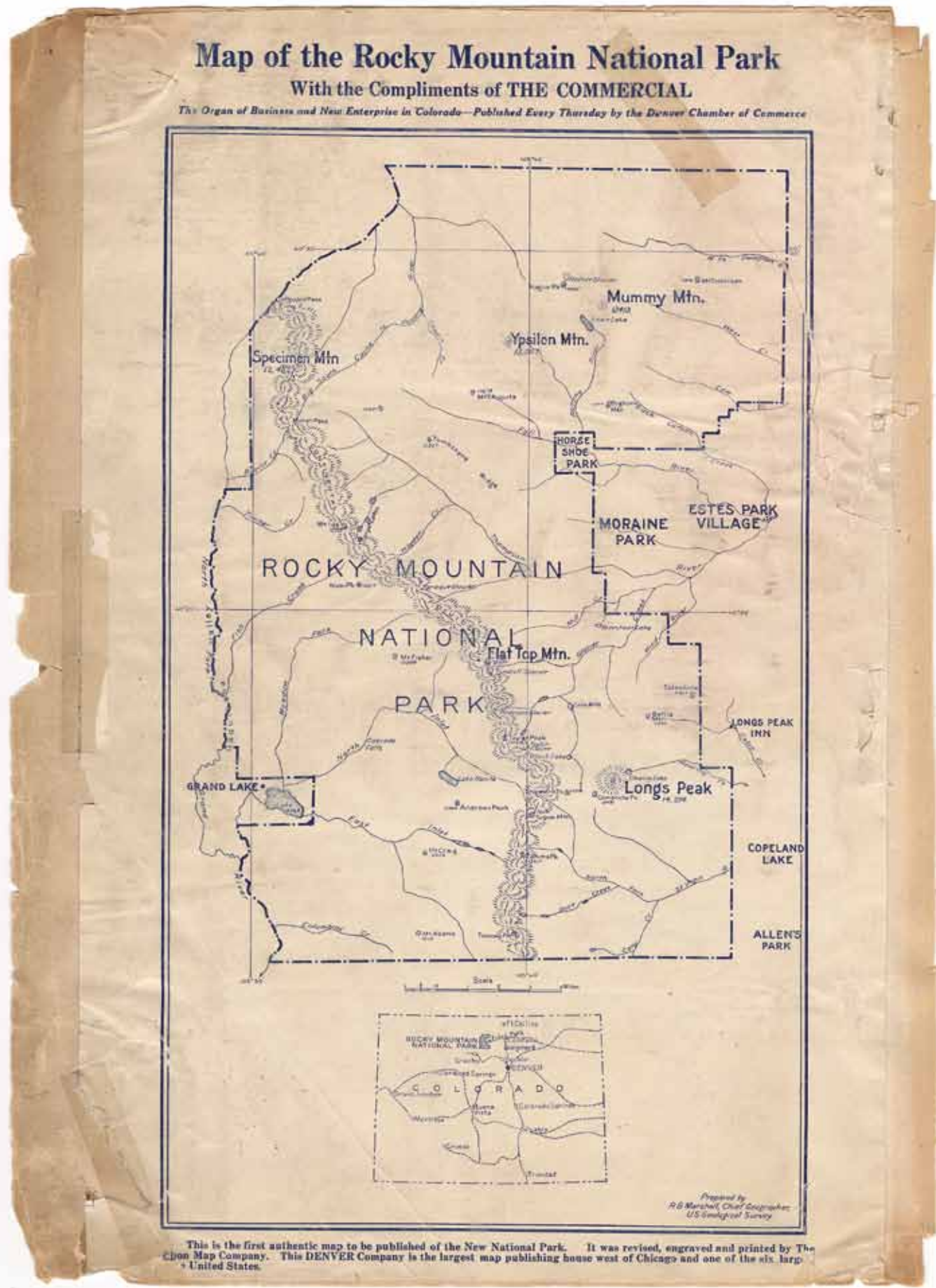
As Rogers remembered, "Marshall would not even print an advance sheet of the Longs Park [Peak] Quadrangle until we [the CMC] had named dozens of peaks, lakes and streams. We explored local history, gathered the lore of a party of Arapaho Indians, and borrowed names of clouds, minerals, miners, plants and birds to fill the vacancy."

Taking the advice of Frederick Ross, the helpful and influential president of the Denver Chamber of Commerce, Rogers conducted extensive research and consulted with many people before he drafted a bill to present to Congress in February 1913. It went nowhere. For the next two years, Rogers persisted. Finally, after frustrating delays and revisions, his hard work paid off.

Hearings before the House Committee on Public Lands began on December 23, 1914. Oklahoma Congressman Scott Ferris, chairman, presided, while Colorado Congressman Edward T. Taylor guided testimony. Testifying for the bill on that date were retiring Colorado Governor Elias M. Ammons, Governor-elect George A. Carlson, Senator John F. Shafroth, and someone who had already given more than 300 lectures on the matter—Enos Mills.

Eventually, after a few minor amendments, the bill passed the Senate, and on January 26, 1915, President Woodrow Wilson signed it into law. Although reduced from the 700 square miles that Marshall had originally proposed, to 358.5 square miles, there was, at last, a Rocky Mountain National Park.

Today the park is 415 square miles. Additions include Comanche Peak and Mirror Lake on the north; Deer Mountain, Gem Lake, Twin Sisters, and Lily Lake on the east; Ogallala Peak, St. Vrain Mountain, and several of the Hutcheson lakes on the



south; and the high peaks of the Never Summers on the west.

REGARDLESS OF THE individual personalities involved, it is clear that the CMC provided the impetus for the park's creation. In 1965, a park superintendent said, "Had it not been for the Colorado Mountain Club, there would not be a Rocky Mountain National Park." And Roger Toll wrote: "The part played by the Colorado Mountain Club in the establishment of the Park is evidenced by the fact that [two of early] superintendents, Roger W. Toll and Edmund B. Rogers, were drawn and appointed from its active membership and not from the Washington bureaucracy. Δ



▲ **ARAPAHO ELDERS.** HARRIET VAILLE OF THE COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB ARRANGED FOR THESE TRIBAL ELDERS FROM THE WIND RIVER RESERVATION IN WYOMING TO COME TO COLORADO TO PROVIDE THE ARAPAHO NAMES FOR MANY GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES IN THE NEW NATIONAL PARK. FROM LEFT, TOM CRISPIN, THE INTERPRETER; SHERMAN SAGE; AND GUN GRISWOLD. COURTESY ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK.

◀ **ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK MAP.** MEMBERS OF THE COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB HAD PROPOSED MANY NAMES FOR MOUNTAINS AND LAKES IN THE PARK; THE PROCESS OF MAKING THOSE NAMES OFFICIAL OFTEN TOOK A YEAR OR MORE. AS A RESULT, THE FIRST OFFICIAL MAP OF THE PARK, ISSUED IN 1915, HAD FEW NAMED FEATURES. COURTESY OF COLORADO MOUNTAIN CLUB ARCHIVES.

EARLY DEVELOPMENT

THE PARK FOUNDED, the Colorado Mountain Club and its members continued to have a guiding role in its development for years to come. Particularly important in this effort was Roger Toll, another founder of the club. A civil engineer by profession and an avid climber, Toll had a chance meeting with Steven Mather, the first head of the National Park Service, while on a trip to Hawaii. That meeting culminated in Toll's appointment first, in 1917, as superintendent of Mount Rainier National Park and two years later as superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park.

Toll used the reports of CMC members to compile a book, edited by Robert Sterling Yard and published by the Government Printing Office in 1919, titled *Mountaineering in the Rocky Mountain National Park*. It manifested his views of the outdoors. He wrote in the foreword:



ROGER TOLL. SEEN HERE PROBABLY MEASURING SNOW DEPTH, TOLL WAS ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL SUPERINTENDENTS OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK. COURTESY OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK ARCHIVES.

"Mountaineering, in its broader sense, promotes the health and strength of the body, it teaches self-reliance, determination, presence of mind, necessity for individual thought and action, pride of accomplishment, fearlessness, endurance, helpful cooperation, loyalty, patriotism, the love of an unselfish freedom, and many other qualities that make for sturdy manhood and womanhood."

Under Toll's leadership, the park expanded. It acquired the Never Summer Range and developed the Bear Lake Road, North Longs Peak Trail, North Inlet Trail, and Lawn Lake Trail. He also supervised the construction of the Vaile Shelter, near the Keyhole on Longs Peak, as a memorial to his cousin Agnes Vaile, considered by many to be Colorado's most famous woman climber of that era, who had died nearby after a winter ascent of the east face of the mountain. Toll became the first person to climb the 50 highest peaks in the park. And his far-sighted persistence led to the creation of Trail Ridge Road, the highest continuously paved road in the United States, which was completed by his successor, Edmond Rogers, another charter member of the Colorado Mountain Club, after Toll left his post with the park in 1929 to become superintendent of Yellowstone National Park.

Although his life was cut short by an automobile crash in 1936, he left an indelible imprint. To honor Toll, the federal government changed the name of a peak known as Paiute Horn to Mt. Toll, which is now part of the Indian Peaks Wilderness area. Also erected in his honor is a bronze plaque and mountain index, known as the Toll Memorial, on a high point near Trail Ridge Road. And in Texas, the National Park Service named a peak Toll Mountain to honor the man whose evaluation had been instrumental in creating Big Bend National Park.

This is 1912



By Woody Smith

Palmer Lake - Woodland Park Trip

Trip No. 2 June 22-23, 1912

Left to right: Miss M.S. Rogers, Miss Ruth Rogers, L. McWhinney, E.B. Rogers, W.H. Wolfersberger, J.M. Downen, Dr. Ed Jackson, U.W. Sprague, Miss Frances Rogers, J.G. Rogers, G.C. Barnard, and Miss Lucretia Vaile.

When the Colorado Mountain Club was founded 100 years ago, Denver was smaller, about one third its current size. The thousands of miles of roads, highways, bridges, and infrastructure we take for granted was nonexistent. Paved roads were a luxury. Coloradans generally relied on railroads for most long distance travel and freight, but the automobile was becoming more affordable and more common.

The entertainment was much the same as today: Films, plays, concerts, records, books, magazines, and a quaint item called the “board game.” Outdoors, there was bicycling and fishing and swimming. In winter there was ice skating at City and Washington Parks.

Sports fans had their choice of local or national boxing, football, baseball, horse, or auto racing. Then as now, for those who didn't like sports, there was golf.

Denver also had an active business community which never lost a chance to promote the city, state, or region for business and tourism. Local boosterism was also one stated goal of the Colorado Mountain Club.

But Denver, like most western cities of the day, struggled with the perception and reality that they were not *eastern* cities. The corrupt, yet energetic administration of Mayor Robert Speer (1904-12) capitalized on these aspirations to push through an agenda of public works projects. Among the most obvious and long lasting was the Civic Center Plaza, destined for the block west of the State Capital. Another was the construction of Speer Boulevard and an adjacent retaining wall along Cherry Creek to protect the city from periodic floods.

Denver was proud of its newly paved streets, its sewers, and electric street lights. In the last few years Denver's police department had upgraded their horse-drawn rigs to “motor propelled vehicles, notably an ambulance, the police chief's car, an auto patrol car and at least eight motorcycles.” The vehicles proved most useful in “effect-

ing important arrests of criminals which could not have been possible if the chief or his men were obliged to reach the spot by buggy or on horseback.”

But the future didn't arrive all at once. In the spring of 1912, Denver's Street Cleaning Department—known heroically as “white wings” for the color of their uniforms *before* work—posed among the horse-drawn “sweeping and washing machines.”

In 1912, good roads leading into the mountains were rare. There were no paved highways, guardrails, dividers, or lane markings. If a road had been graded, the best you could hope for was a gravel or macadam surface.

IN 1912, THE PUBLIC was fascinated with the new technology of aviation—and those who dared to take flight. The year saw many firsts in the field of flying: the first wireless received on an airplane; a record for non-stop flight, London to Paris in three hours; the first airmail between London and Paris; the first use of automatic pilot; the first successful parachute jump from an airplane; the first flying boat.

But the risk was real. Aviators often made news twice: once for a fantastic feat, and again for an untimely end.

One such was C.P. Rodgers, who in 1911 made the first transcontinental flight from New York to California. His flying time was just under four days. On April 3, 1912—the same day as the CMC's first Organization Meeting—Rodgers was killed when he crashed into the surf off Pasadena in his Wright biplane, reportedly after scattering seagulls on a lark. He died just 500 yards from the spot where he had finished his record cross-country flight just five months earlier.

Another was Austrian Franz Reichelt who, on February 4, “plunged like a stone to his death from the Eiffel Tower. Despite expert protests, the amateur parachute inventor had said, ‘I am confident of success.’” *He* only made the news once.

THE NEWS OF 1912 could be today's news. Revolutions in Central America: Mexico, Cuba, and Nicaragua. Conflict in the Balkans and Middle East: Several nations were in conflict as the Ottoman Empire crumbled and the run-up to World War I began. Politics, and its scandals. Sports, and its scandals. Wild weather. Planes crashing and ships sinking. Foolish, freak, or just plain accidents. And the caprice of human nature.

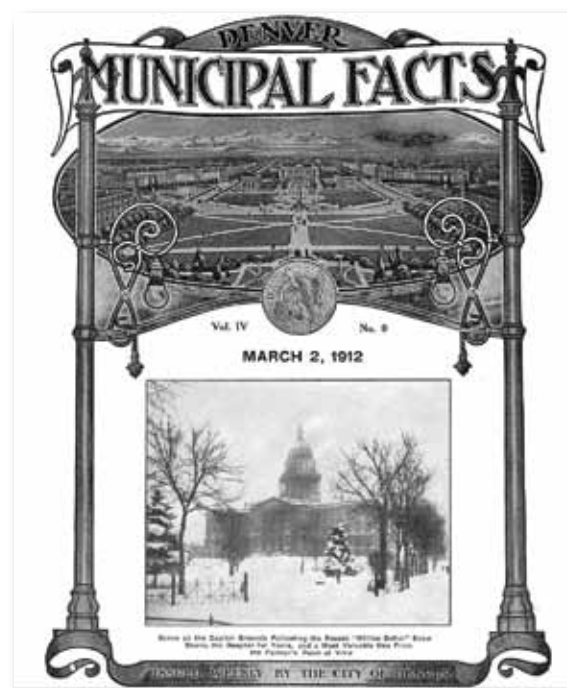
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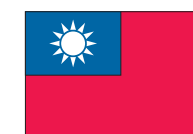
January 6
New Mexico is admitted as the 47th state

January 15-20
Denver hosts the Sixth Annual National Western Stock Show at the stockyard amphitheater.



February 22-24
Denver blanketed by a 60-hour blizzard. Snow is over 14 inches deep. (DMF)

January 1
Taiwan is established



• Denver boasted 42 horse watering troughs "located in convenient places in the city," and 23 public drinking fountains, of which 9 were the "sanitary, bubbling kind." *Denver Municipal Facts* (DMF)

January 10
"World's first flying-boat airplane makes maiden flight at Hammond-sport, NY." *20th Century, Day By Day* (DBD), by Durling-Kindersly, London.

February 3
New U.S. football rules shorten field from 110 yards to 100 yards; touchdowns count as 6 pts, instead of 5; 4 downs, instead of 3; kick-off moved from midfield to 40 yard line. (DBD)

February 14
Arizona is admitted as the 48th state



February 24
"Italians bomb Beirut in first act of war against the Ottoman Empire." (DBD)



March 12 ▶
The Girl Scouts of the USA
are founded



April 3 ▶
CMC Organization Meeting - Present were
Jim Rogers, Mary Sabin, Ellsworth Bethel, Dr.
M. Ethel V. Fraser, John R. Henderson, Dr.
Elsie S. Pratt, and Lucretia Vaile.

April 16 ▶
Harriet Quimby becomes the first woman
to pilot a plane across the English Channel.
Quimby is also the first U.S. woman to earn
her pilot's license. (DBD)



April 20 ▶
Opening day christens brand new
ball fields for Detroit at Tigers
Stadium and Boston at Fenway Park.
Both home teams win in the 11th in-
ning by one run. *Great Baseball Facts
and Firsts*, by David Nemec

May 2 ▶
CMC Board appoints the first Outing
Committee. They are George Bar-
nard, Dr. Ethel Fraser, and Roger Toll.



◀ **March 5**
Spanish steamship, *Principe de Asturias*,
wrecked off Spain. 500 lost. (DBD)

◀ **March 13**
Hockey's Quebec Bulldogs hoist
the Stanley Cup after winning both
games of a playoff challenge by
Moncton (New Brunswick) with a
combined score of 17-3.



◀ **April 14-15**
RMS Titanic strikes an iceberg in the
Atlantic and sinks, taking with her the
lives of more than 1,500 people. The
high mortality figure is attributed to a
shortage of lifeboats.

◀ **April 19**
Municipal Tree Day in Denver offers residents
"17,857 young shade trees for free distribution in ac-
cordance with the city's annual custom (since 1905)."
Half of the trees were "soft maple" and other half
American elm, both of which "seem to do well in this
climate with proper care..." (DMF)

◀ **April 26**
CMC Charter Meeting. 25 attend,
including Roger and Henry Toll,
Edmund Rogers, Charles Partridge
Adams, and Enos Mills.



◀ **May 4**
Details regarding the demolition of buildings on the
Denver Civic Center site are published in *Municipal
Facts*. The first to be razed is the Andrew D. Wilson
Warehouse and Store building, a three-story ma-
sonry building at Colfax and Broadway. In the same
issue, the Mountain Parks Committee announces its
proposal for a "special tax levy" to purchase land
"back of Golden and Morrison...to be used as public
parks."

DENVER POPULATION

1860 - 4,726
1910 - 213,381
1960 - 491,409
2010 - 600,158

COLORADO POPULATION

1860 - 34,277
1910 - 799,024
1960 - 1,573,947
2010 - 5,029,196

US POPULATION

1860 - 31,443,321
1910 - 92,228,496
1960 - 179,323,175
2010 - 308,745,538

In 1912

- ▶ The City of Denver was 54 years old. (1858)
- ▶ The State of Colorado and the telephone were both 36 years old. (1876)
- ▶ The National Western Stock Show and the electric vacuum were both five years old. (1907)
- ▶ Cellophane and the Model T were both 4 years old. (1908)
- ▶ Teddy Roosevelt had been out of office for three years. (1909)



On April 1, 1912 (the month the CMC was formed)

- ▶ The US Boy Scouts were 2 years and 2 months old. (February 8, 1910)
- ▶ The State of New Mexico (47th) was nearly 4 months old. (January 6, 1912)
- ▶ The State of Arizona (48th) was 2 1/2 months old. (February 14, 1912)
- ▶ The American Girl Guides, later the Girl Scouts, was three weeks old. (March 12, 1912)

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May 28



Denver and Surrounding Country Offer Many Inducements to Automobile Tourists in Summer

The Denver Chamber of Commerce, which has been the most active in making the city and its surroundings accessible to automobile tourists, has issued a booklet which contains a list of the many inducements to tourists in the city and its surroundings. The booklet is free of charge and can be obtained from the Chamber of Commerce.

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May 30

Also on May 30

A "New Scenic Road" up the South Platte River canyon was announced. "Hewn out of rock" by convict labor, it was declared the improvements to the existing trail would open the area to "thousands tourists" by year's end. *The Rocky Mountain News* (RMN)

- Denverite Molly Brown, Titanic survivor, sails from New York, bound for London, to meet her daughter. (RMN)

- Aviation pioneer Wilbur Wright dies of complications from typhoid fever, age 45.

- Seattle. A Wright biplane crashes into a grandstand box while maneuvering to avoid a collision with another plane. One man was killed outright, four others seriously injured.

The pilot, who survived, was being held pending an inquest. (RMN)

- Indianapolis. Seventy-five thousand fans were on hand for the second annual Indianapolis 500. Joe Dawson raced to victory on the two and a half-mile brick course, when race leader Ralph DePalma's engine failed on the 198th lap. "Just before DePalma went out of the race, a rabbit ran across the track in front of Dawson's car, as he was speeding down the home stretch. The thousands of spectators cheered the rabbit, and Dawson, after the race said he considered it a good omen." (RMN)



South Boulder Peak Trip (CMC Trip No. 1)
May 30, 1912
On top of South Boulder Peak
Photo by G.C. Barnard

May 21 ▶
Denver. Former city assessor, Henry Arnold, is elected mayor. Arnold was fired by Speer on December 14, 1911, for revealing inconsistencies in tax assessments. Voters also pass the special tax for the purchase of mountain parks land.

May 30 ▶
CMC Trip No. 1
Wrote Mary Sabin: "The first trip of the Colo. Mt. Club was made to the top of South Boulder Peak Thursday May 30 - 1912. South Boulder Peak is 8600 ft. high and is 2900 ft. above Eldorado Springs." Fifteen members and 11 guests made the trip. Among the guests were George, Grace, and Elvia Harvey.



June 22-23 ▶
CMC Trip No. 2
Wrote Mary Sabin: "A few members of the club visited the Forest Service Nursery west of Monument near Palmer Lake Saturday afternoon. "On the morning of Sunday June 23rd a party of sixteen walked up the canon of North Monument creek, crossed the Rampart Range after following along the top for several miles and descended to Woodland Park. From the Park is a glorious view of Pikes Peak. Three members of the party, James Rogers, Edmund Rogers, and Susan Rogers climbed Pikes Peak the next day."

June 30 ▶
Denver officials tour proposed park land near Golden and Morrison despite a "driving rain." (RMN)

July 1 ▶
Aviatrix Harriet Quimby and a passenger fall 1,000 to their deaths in the surf near Boston when their monoplane is upset by a gust of wind.

◀ **May 15**
Detroit Tiger outfielder Ty Cobb jumps into the stands and fights with a heckler during a game against the New York Highlanders (later Yankees). Cobb is suspended indefinitely by American League president Ban Johnson.

◀ **May 25**
Ty Cobb is reinstated.

◀ **May 28**
CMC Scouting Trip. Jim Rogers, Ellsworth Bethel, George and Emma Barnard, Drs. William and Max Smedley, Mary Sabin, and Richard Fillius of the Denver Park Board to discuss the CMC's plans to install a brass peak "indicator."



◀ **June 18:** Chicago. President Taft and Vice-President James Sherman are renominated at the Republican National Convention. Supporters of Teddy Roosevelt storm out, form a third party.



Also on June 23
- Idaho Springs. A business holiday was declared and 200 dignitaries were on hand to celebrate the completion of the new "Idaho Springs way," over Floyd Hill. The 34 mile road between Golden and Idaho Springs, with maximum 6% grade, "will be one of the easiest and most delightful in the mountains." An additional 6 miles was to be trimmed from the route upon completion of the planned "Golden cut-off." (RMN)
- Paris. The director of the Pasteur Institute announces that altitude sickness can be cured by small injections of oxygen." (RMN)

July 14 ►
CMC Trip No. 3

Wrote Mary Sabin: "The train reached Sugarloaf Station soon after 11 A.M. and the party at once climbed Sugarloaf Mt. 9820 ft. from which point a most magnificent view of the range from Mummy, Hague to Evans is obtained across a valley with no high ground between Sugarloaf and the range. We climbed down the East face of the mountain, walked through Bummers Gulch to Boulder Creek to junction of Boulder and Fourmile Creeks to Boulder. A heavy storm overtook us 4 miles from town. During this time Denver experienced the severest storm since 1864. We reached the station in Boulder about 5 P.M. having covered the 12 from Sugarloaf with ease." Eleven took the trip, including Roger Toll and Carl Blaurock. It was Blaurock's first hike with the CMC.

July 29 ►
Denver. The Broadway Theater's offerings included a nature film which depicted "Various plants and flowers... shown in the processes of growth. Five weeks growth of one rare plant was shown in thirty seconds." (RMN)

August 1 ►
The Jungfraubahn rack railway is inaugurated in Switzerland.

August 5 ►
Chicago. Teddy Roosevelt is officially nominated by the Progressive (Bull Moose) Party. He supports women's suffrage and reformed labor laws.



James Peak Trip (CMC Trip No. 5)
August 10-11, 1912
On Top
Miss Eda Wolfersberger
Photo by W.H. Wolfersberger

◀ **July 6:** Fifth Olympic Games open in Stockholm. Native American Jim Thorpe wins gold medals in the Decathlon and Pentathlon. (DBD)



◀ **July 16:** *The Rocky Mountain News* dredges up an old city plan to divert Cherry Creek into Sand Creek, thus sparing Denver from future flooding. Several 'After flood sales' are advertised: 'With their refrigeration plant damaged, the Western Packing Co. sells "thousands of dollars" worth of meat at half price.' (RMN)

◀ **July 28**
CMC Trip No. 4
Wrote Mary Sabin: "At 9:30 (12 hikers) under the leadership of Mr. Downer started up Turkey Creek arriving at Parmalee Gulch about 11:30 a distance of 6 mi. At 1:15 the party lunched at a ranch house at the head of Parmalee Gulch in Eden Park, about six miles from Turkey Creek. They turned... through an iron gate and followed a road through many gates to Mr. John Brisbane Walker's house. They found many flowers on this part of the walk. ...At 4:30 they reached the top... The party had to hurry to catch the train for Denver. The weather was pleasant."

◀ **August 10-12**
CMC Trip No. 5
Wrote Dr. Ethel Fraser: "At 8 A.M. Aug. 10 (5) members of the Colo. Mt. Club took the train for Dumont above Idaho Springs...The nine mile walk to Alice was easily made and the night spent at the Goodier cottage at St. Mary's Lake.
Mr. Wolfersberger and the Misses Sue, Frances, and Ruth Rogers joined the party late in the evening, the Misses Rogers having come 30 miles on horseback from their summer home at the foot of Mt. Evans.
"At 7:30 the next morning (6 hikers) started up James Peak. Dr. Edward Jackson and Paul Weiss joined the party on the Peak. [Three members] returned to Denver that afternoon, but the Misses Vaile, Hendrie and Dr. Fraser spent a third day rambling in the hill, returning by way of Central City. The Misses Rogers climbed the Peak on the third day and returned to their home Aug. 13. The hills had more snow than usual at this time of the year and the snow banks and glaciers just above St. Mary's Lake were so extensive that nearly an hour was needed to reach the top of the latter. Alpine flowers abounded everywhere."

July 14



Also on July 14
Denver. At least two died when an hour-long downpour turned city streets into rivers. As the storm approached, news of an upstream flood drew thousands of spectators to Cherry Creek. They were "forced to run for their lives" when "the waves began shooting over the banks..." At least one person fell in, requiring rescue. The creek topped its banks, tearing out bridges and portions of the expensive new retaining walls. Lower Downtown was turned into a "fan" shaped lake. The City Auditorium was opened to house the homeless.
The storm struck the length of the Front Range causing widespread damage. Crops near Brighton were destroyed. Longmont farms were flooded. Businesses in Victor flooded with at least a foot of water, and the city lost electrical service. In Trinidad the Purgatoire River burst its banks. (RMN)

Sugar Loaf Trip (CMC Trip No. 3)
July 14, 1912
On top of Sugar Loaf
Left to right: Carl Blaurock; G.H. Heitz; Dr. Edward Jackson; Roger Toll; L. McWhinney; Max Giesecke; W. Wolfersberger. Sitting: [unknown]
Photo by G.C. Barnard

August 10-12

James Peak Trip (CMC Trip No. 5)
August 10-11, 1912
On the "Glacier"
Photo by Miss Lucretia Vaille



"Swiss bicycle racer Oscar Eqq sets new record, traveling 26 miles in one hour." (DBD)



CMC First Annual Summer Outing
Thirty-two attended the week long trip to Mt. Evans and environs (a full account appears in *T&T*, Spring 2009).

The Union Pacific Railroad offers \$2.00-3.25 roundtrip fares from Denver to Cheyenne's Frontier Days and Wild West Show to be held Aug 14-17.

Caux, Switzerland. Peace talks begin between Italy and the Ottoman Empire. (DBD)

Lookout and Genesee Mountain Parks are formally dedicated by 150 dignitaries, including the American Association of Park Superintendents who are holding their 50th anniversary convention in Denver. The party drove from downtown via 44th avenue to Golden and up the new Lookout Mountain Road to the summit.

After a lunch of mountain trout and a group photo, the party proceeded to Genesee Park for a view and a toast offered by Judge Beaman.



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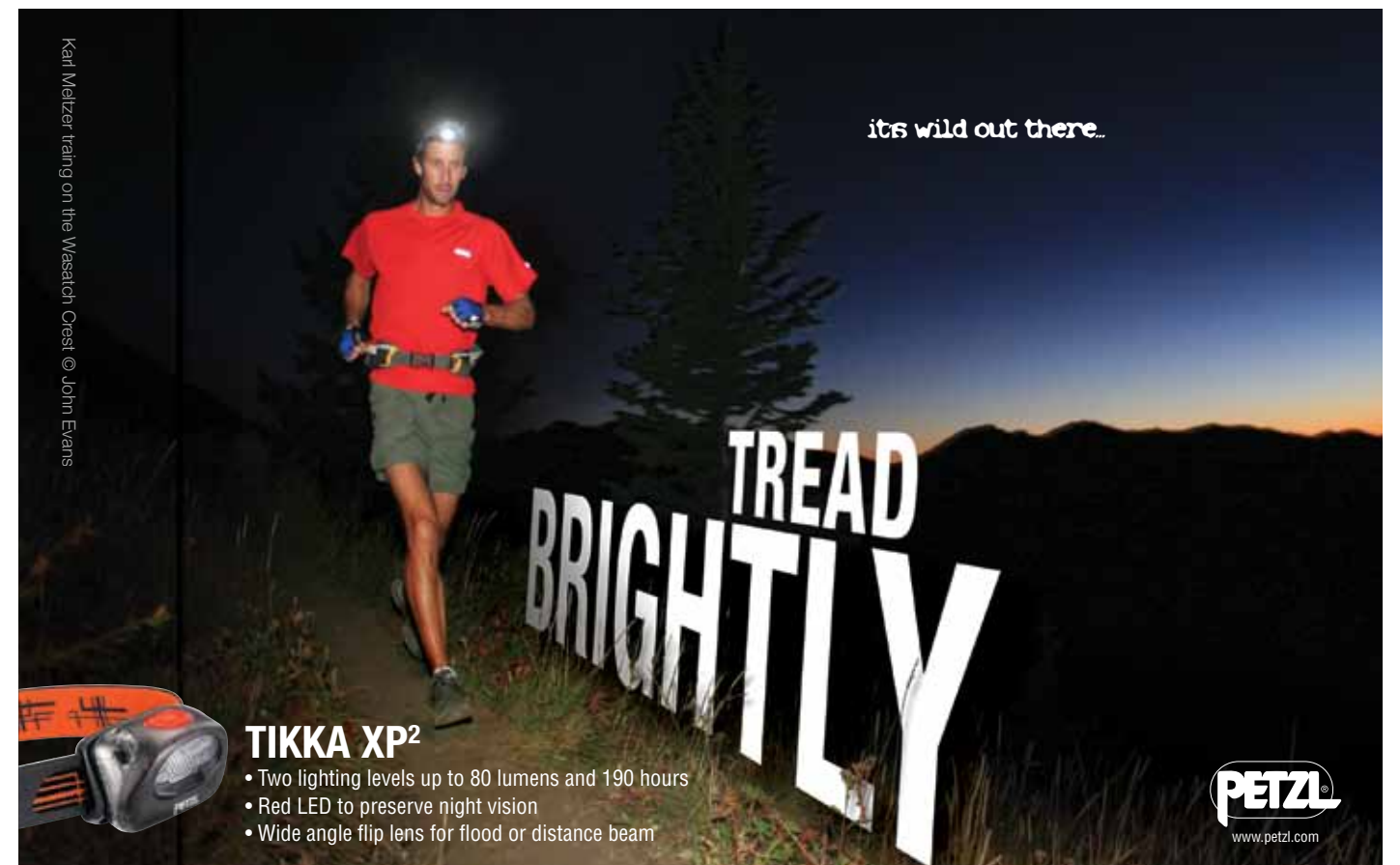
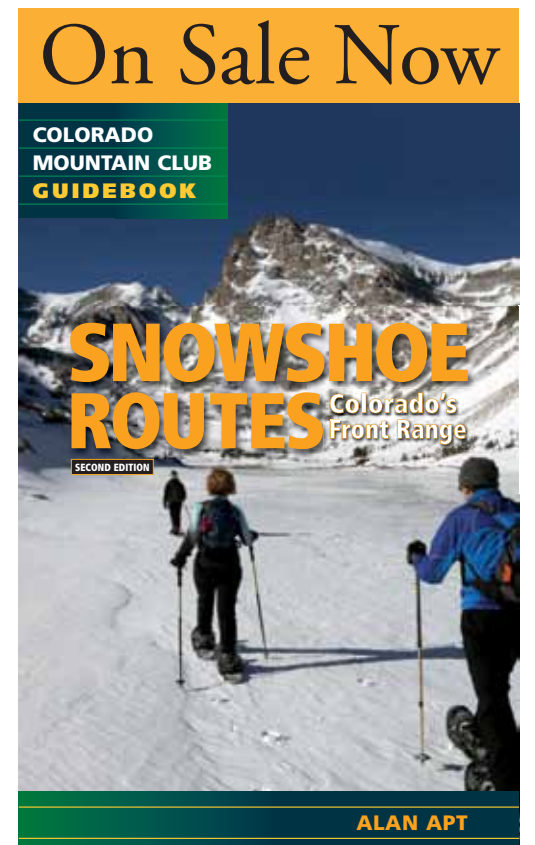
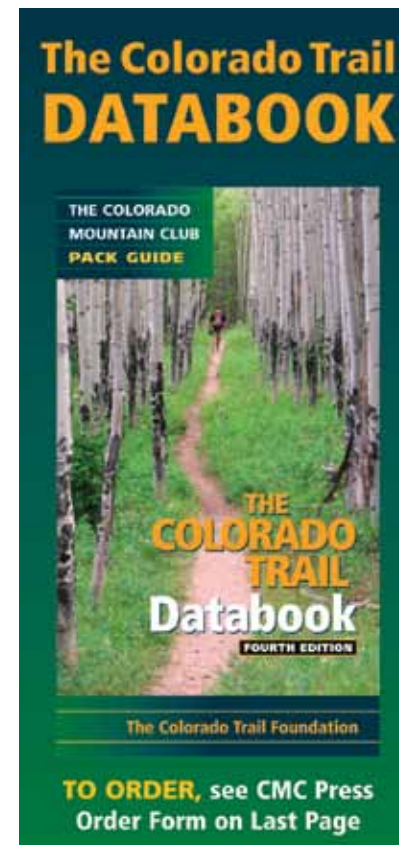
BY CAROLYN EMANUAL

WESTERN SLOPE CMC MEMBER Bill Ellison
was magnificent and still is somewhere in the



mountains where his spirit thrives. He was an avid hiker, backpacker, snowshoer, naturalist (being a big fan of moose and elk, in particular) sculptor, and great friend. We are incredibly fortunate to have known, hiked, and biked with him on so many Colorado Mountain Club trips. Our most memorable was Ice and Island Lake where Bill took the time to help Rick, my husband, over a very sketchy and precipitous section of trail. Bill, you will be missed more than you could ever know.

Vaya con dios, amigo. Δ





For your benefit and enjoyment, the following trips have been reviewed and approved by the Adventure Travel Committee and are officially sanctioned by the Colorado Mountain Club.

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EVEREST MONASTERY TREK

April 14 – 28, 2012
\$2,250

Join Pemba Sherpa, a native of the Khumbu region of the Nepal Himalayas. Pemba has been guiding visitors to his homeland since 1986 and will do so again with the classic Everest monastery trek. This is a classic Nepal experience that will take you into the heart of the world's majestic Himalayan Mountains. The Everest monastery trip walks us through the renowned Khumbu region. In the "Land of the Sherpa," we partake in Nepalese and Tibetan cultures as they have existed for centuries. The Everest monastery trek offers striking scenery. We venture through unspoiled terrain while marveling at the close-up views of Everest and its neighbors. We will also spend time with Pemba's family in the "off-the-beaten path" small Sherpa village of Sengma and will relax for a couple of days in Nepal's colorful capital city of Kathmandu. For more information, please contact Pemba Sherpa 303-525-6508 or pemba@sherpascent.com



BEST OF THE GRAND CANYON: COLORADO RIVER RAFT & HIKE

April 28 – May 10, 2012
\$4,165 (Limit 18)

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.



ENGLAND COAST TO COAST - HADRIAN'S WALL PATH TREK

May 16 – 28, 2012
\$3,100

Hike across England (from the North Sea to the Irish Sea) by following an ancient Roman wall built in the 10-year period beginning in 122 A.D. by Hadrian Aelius. This marvel of medieval engineering amassed about two million tons of stones, which formed the 85-mile wall and integrated forts separating Roman occupied England from Scotland. The Wall is included on the UNESCO World Heritage List. Carry only what you need for a day hike on each of the eight hiking days, while your bag is transported to the next village. We will stay in small hotels and B&Bs and dine in nearby restaurants and pubs near the wall. Along the way, we will visit the Segedunum Roman Fort and Museum and the Vindolanda Roman Fort and Museum. The price includes guided trekking, 12 nights accommodation in small hotels or guesthouses, with the final night in London. All meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) are included, except for a few on the travel days. The price also includes transportation from and to London Heathrow Airport, tips, and cultural events. The price does not include airfare to London. Contact Linda Ditchkus lditchkus@hotmail.com.



YAMPA RIVER RAFTING AND HIKING

June 3 – 9, 2012
\$1,226

The Yampa River is the last undammed tributary of the Colorado River system, and its free-flowing waters surge through cauldrons of big, untamed Class III and IV rapids. In its natural state, the Yampa also displays sandy beaches, deep, colorful canyons, habitats for native plants and animals, and other splendid features of a river unfettered by man-made obstructions. Its location in Dinosaur National Monument adds an intriguing archeological element, and side hikes along the river reveal ancient fossils, prehistoric Native American ruins, and petroglyphs carved into cliff walls. All these treasures are encased in a strikingly beautiful river corridor whose tall, vertical walls are a canvas of yellow and red, sometimes dramatically streaked with jet-black coloration known as "desert varnish." We will carpool to Vernal, Utah, to begin our rafting/hiking adventure. Five days on the river with four nights camping. We will have the choice of paddle boats, oar boats, or inflatable kayaks. There will be day hikes to historic and natural settings from the river. Optional last day visit to private ranch with extensive petroglyph panels in the Vernal area before driving back home. Trip includes lodging first and last nights, all meals on river, dry bags, guides, boats, transport to and from river. Carpooling to Vernal and meals in transit not included. Participants to provide own tents and sleeping bags. For more information, please contact Janet Martel at jmartel98@gmail.com.



MOAB MOUNTAIN BIKE AND HIKE

June 7 – 10, 2012
\$295

We will base camp near Moab in this fun and exciting adventure and explore the famous mountain biking and hiking trails in the Moab area, and Arches and Canyonlands National Parks. You 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 along with camping fees, all your water needs, and sanolets, etc. 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 vehicle. You also need to bring your own camping gear and bike and helmet (if you ride) or rent one in Moab. Carpooling is encouraged. There are rides and hikes suited for beginning to advanced riders of all ages. Not included: Transportation to Moab, bike rental if needed. Price increases after March 15 to \$325; April 16 through May 15 to \$350; After May 15 to \$375. For more detailed information, contact Rick Pratt at rpratt905@gmail.com or 303-887-3717.



KAYAKING ALASKA'S KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK

June 9 – 17, 2012
\$2,221 (plus airfare)

Celebrate summer with an unforgettable trip kayaking in our wildest state – Alaska. Paddle past calving glaciers and stay alert for wildlife sightings, including the newest sea otter pups, as we spend 5 days on the waters of Kenai Fjords National Park, followed by two days of hiking around Seward. Our guide and outfitter will provide us with the expertise to navigate the seas and kayaking-specific gear while we save money by using our own camping and cooking gear. No kayaking experience is necessary, but participants need to be capable of powering a kayak for 12 miles each day. A participant must have endurance to do 12 miles of hiking for five days in a row, and will be expected to do upper body conditioning to prepare for the trip. Ability will be determined by recent hiking or paddling experience provided by the applicant on the trip application. Participants will also need to comfortably fit into a kayak cockpit. Kenai Fjords National Park is located South of Anchorage near Seward Alaska. The park is famous for its diverse wildlife including black bears, seals, sea otters, whales, puffins and bald eagles. We will be paddling past at least two glaciers, one with a solid wall of ice a mile long. Daily highs should range between 40 and 70 degrees. Participants need to be prepared for nighttime temperatures as low as 10 or 20 degrees. We will start by flying to Anchorage and travel to Seward via bus. In Seward we will have a pre-trip briefing the night before we depart on our 5 day paddling trip. On the paddling trip we will pass glaciers, take in wildlife and enjoy the true, crisp Alaska air. At the end of the trip we have a couple weather days built in for the paddling trip, and if all goes well, will be spending these exploring Seward and the Kenai area further by foot.

Total Trip cost: \$2,221
Due upon acceptance of your application: \$500
Due by January 9: \$1,100
Due by May 1: \$621

The cost of the trip includes transportation between Anchorage and Seward, including a scenic train ride, rental kayaks and other kayaking equipment, three nights hotel in Seward which includes breakfast, a guide for the 5 day kayaking trip, park entrance and camping fees and a water taxi to and from Aialik Bay. The cost of the trip does NOT include any meals, with the exception of breakfasts provided by the hotel. Participants will be required to bring food for the 5 day paddling trip to cover 3 meals a day plus snacks. Other meals and snacks can be purchased in town. We will not be renting a car, so cab fees to get to and from a grocery store may be an additional expense. Expect \$25 per day while we are paddling and \$40 per day while we are in town. Airfare also is not included and will cost approximately \$500. There will be a required gear list and some gear purchases may be required or highly recommended. Gear purchases will likely range between \$50 and \$200. In addition, a synthetic

sleeping bag will be required for this trip with a recommended rating of 20 degrees or less. Our outfitter has a limited number of these available for rent. Down sleeping bags will be unacceptable for this environment. Purchase of travel insurance is highly recommended. Please contact Brit-tany Nielson at mtnbri@yahoo.com with questions or to obtain a copy of the trip application.



MONTENEGRO WITH RADA

June 12 – 26, 2012
\$2,264 (plus airfare)

Rada Perovic, resident of Golden, born in Montenegro, will be your host for a two week excursion to this unspoiled Mediterranean and mountain paradise. Montenegro, with a population of 730,000 and area of 5,300 m2, gained independence in May, 2006 and has the distinction of being one of the world's newest countries. We will begin our journey on the coast, where beautiful beaches meet the crystal clear azure water of the Adriatic Sea. From our base in the coastal town Petrovac, we will explore the 15th century fortresses and other towns and quaint villages along the coast. We will hike on coastal trails, spend time on the beach and enjoy the warm hospitality of the Montenegrin people while exploring the culture and the history of the region. We will then journey to the mountainous interior, where 7,000 foot peaks rocket up from sea level, creating stunning canyons, deep valleys, and dense pine and fir forests surrounding alpine lakes, known locally as "mountain eyes". We will visit four National Parks: Lovcen, Biogradska Gora, Durmitor, and Skadar Lake. In addition to the hiking excursions, there will be a two-day rafting trip down the Tara River, referred to as "The Jewel of Europe". While hiking, you will often encounter sheep herder's settlements, where you will experience people who provide the friendliest hospitality on earth. At the end of our trip, we will visit the old capitol Cetinje and hike at Mt. Lovcen. We will also visit some historic sites in this area. The cost of this trip includes all ground transportation in Montenegro, lodging, most meals, 2 days of river Tara rafting, guides, all parks and museums fees, leader expenses, and the CMC administrative fee. Final cost may vary depending on currency exchange fluctuations. Montenegro uses the Euro as the currency of exchange. For people experienced with hiking rating systems, these outings are classified as Hiking at A and B level, hike lengths will be 2-8 miles, elevation gains up to 1,500 feet. The number of participants will be 10. We will have mandatory pre-trip meeting in March, and an optional hike in April. Contact trip leader Rada Perovic for more information at 303-985-3263 or email radaperovic@msn.com. Or complete and send the form below and the leader will contact you.



LANDMANNALAUGER TO SKOGAR (ICELAND)

July 2 – 13, 2012
\$2,734 + \$1,100 airfare (approx.)

Looking for that once-(maybe twice-)in-a-lifetime adventure? Join us in Iceland, the land of many contrasts! From the Reykjavik bay at 11:30 p.m., witness the sun finally setting over the western horizon -and if you're up at 2:30 a.m., you'll see it start to rise! Beginning at Landmannalauger and keeping an eye out for any trolls along the way, our seven-day trek takes us through diverse landscapes: multi-colored hills and gullies with hundreds of steaming hot springs and

mud pools (after the first day's hike, we'll have an opportunity to soak in a natural hot springs); the black deserts of Maelifellssandur; a magnificent canyon cut 600 feet down into the rocks; arctic birch forests and colorful flowers; a side trip to the Songhellir cave ("Song cave"); the climb up and thru a high pass dividing two glaciers, one of which is Eyjafjallajökull that erupted in early 2010. Your last trekking day is spent descending from that pass, enjoying the gorges and 29 waterfalls of the Skogaa River and finally spotting the seacoast along the little town of Skogar. You need to be in good physical condition for this trek and at time of registration possess at least a Denver hiking classification B or equivalent. Each day's hike consists of 6-10 miles, and 1,000-3,000 feet of elevation gain/loss. You'll need to bring a sleeping bag that will be transported with your baggage (not on your daypack). Cost of trip covers: all land transports arranged by leader; outfitter 7-day trek services including: guide, participant and baggage transports, lodging in mountain huts, all meals (first day lunch to last day lunch), cookware, 4 nights' lodging in Reykjavik before/after trek. Not covered: air fare (approx. \$1100), lunches/dinners in Reykjavik, travel insurance (recommended), guide tips, personal expenses and optional excursions. Because the Icelandic krona may fluctuate in value, please be aware that the advertised cost of trip may increase slightly. A mandatory pre-trip meeting for all participants is scheduled for sometime in April 2012. Participants are encouraged to attend at least 1 of 2 CMC leader-led hikes in May and June 2012. For more information, contact Marilyn Choske at 303-456-6279 before 9 p.m. or mchoske@juno.com.



RUSSIA: CLIMB MOUNT ELBRUS

August 4 – 16, 2010
\$3,085 (plus airfare)

Join in for the CMC's 8th trip to the highest summit in Europe organized by the Club's High Altitude Mountaineering and Adventure Travel Committees. Elbrus, located in the spectacular Caucasus Mountains of southern Russia and one of the fabled "Seven Summits", offers strenuous, but not overly difficult climbing. Basic knowledge of ice axe and crampon usage, and roped team travel is essential. The leader plans to use the standard southern approach from the Baksan Valley and the route passes the ruins of the famous Priut (Hut) of 11 that burned in 1998. Days are allotted for acclimatization and extra summit attempts if bad weather intervenes. Transit is through Moscow and includes a day long city tour at the end of the trip. Trip cost includes domestic airfare within Russia, all lodging and most

meals, ground transportation and airport transfer fees, guide fees in the Valley, Russian visa and all permit fees, gratuities, leader expenses, and CMC administrative fee. Trip cost does not include international air fare, baggage fees, trip insurance, some meals, bar tab, and souvenir purchases. Final cost may vary slightly as some costs are denominated in euros, not dollars or rubles. To obtain the trip application, itinerary, and other information, contact Vern Bass, the trip leader at: 4efs@eazy.net. No phone calls please.



POLAND - TREKKING IN THE TATRA MOUNTAINS

August 26 – September 6, 2012
\$1,995 (plus airfare)

Come join the first CMC trekking and hiking trip in almost 20 years to the spectacular Tatra Mountains of southern Poland. We'll do four different day hikes from our hotel in the mountain resort town of Zakopane. The hiking highlight of the trip will be a three day hut trip into Slovakia and back, passing over Rysy, the high point of Poland. In addition, we will spend time in the ancient royal capitol of Krakow, a city that was relatively untouched by the bombing of World War II. The day hikes will generally be at the moderate-difficult "B" level. One day of the trip, the day we hike over Rysy, will be at moderate-difficult "C" level. Trip cost includes round trip transport between Krakow and Zakopane; eight nights of hotel lodging with breakfasts; two nights in mountain chalets with breakfasts and dinners included; six group dinners in Zakopane and Krakow, with one Zakopane dinner at a folk music and dance restaurant; sack lunches on hiking days; lift ticket for gondola return from Slovakia; tour of Salt Mine cultural site during return to Krakow; tour of Wawel Castle in Krakow; guide during Slovakia trek; gratuities; leader expenses; and CMC administrative fee. Trip cost does not include air fare, baggage fees, trip insurance, bar tab, snacks, souvenir purchases, several lunches and dinners. Also not included are shuttle bus or horse carriage rides to/from trailheads and admission fees to Tatra National Park (total of bus fares and admit fees estimated at \$25 US). Final cost may vary slightly depending on air fares; possible 2012 fee increases by local hotels or bus companies; and exchange rates among the dollar, zloty, and euro (hotel packages are priced in euros). For an application packet, contact Steve at climbersteveb@gmail.com or Linda at lvditchkus@hotmail.com. No phone calls please.



HIKING THE ALPS OF BAVARIA AND AUSTRIA

August 27 – September 7, 2012
\$2,700-3,300

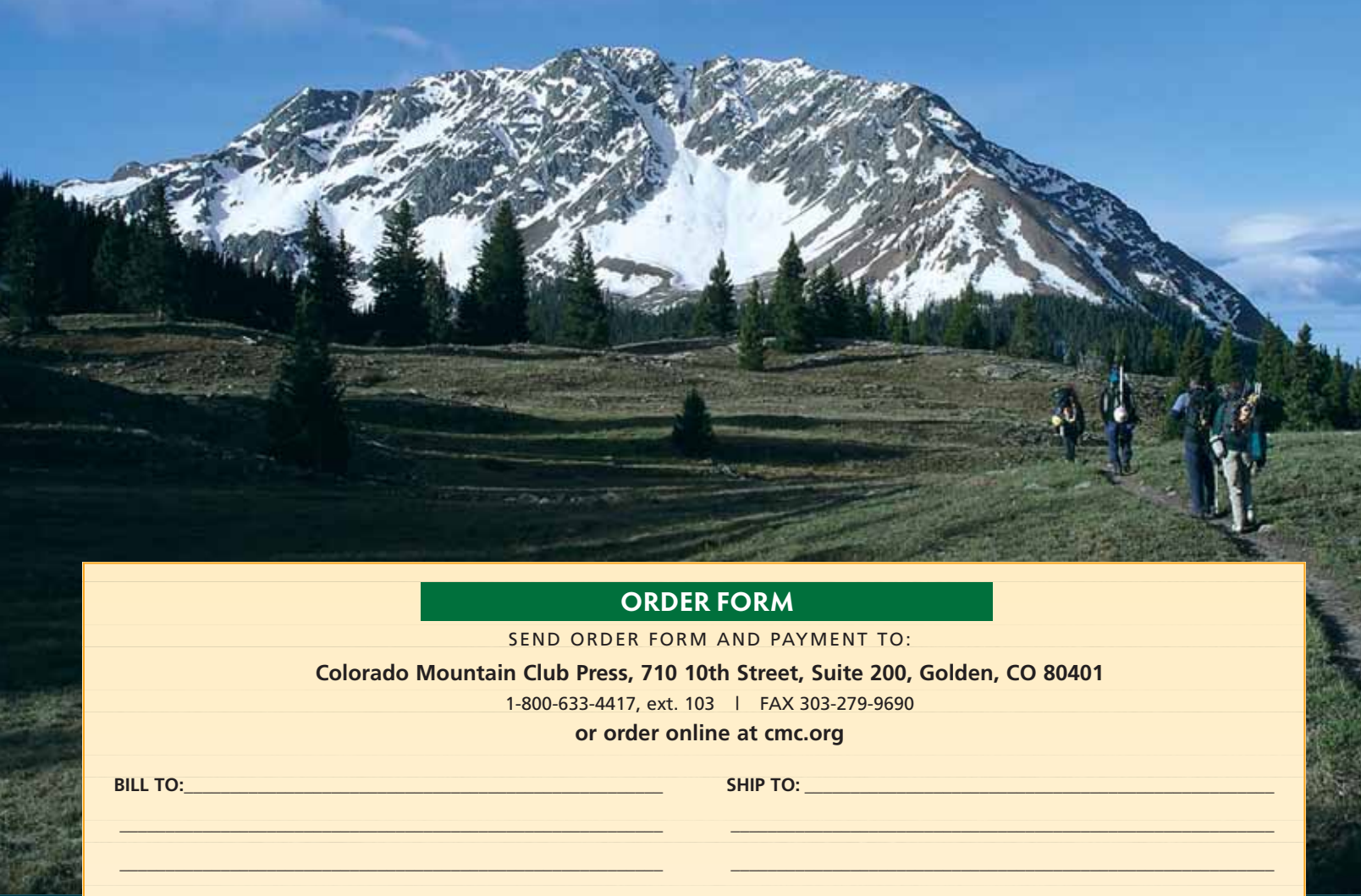
The German and Austrian Alps are a scenic region of pristine lakes and creeks, high mountains, green pastures, and thundering river gorges. The hilly countryside that's dotted by quaint villages is home to some of the most famous castles in Bavaria where we will start our trip. On the Austro-Bavarian 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



SIKKIM HIMALAYAN TREK

October 15 – November 5, 2012
\$3,220

Gyeljen Sherpa invites you to join him on a trek through ancient exotic Sikkim. Once its own Kingdom, tiny Sikkim is now a state of India. Sikkim is home to the third highest mountain in the world, Kanchenjunga (8586m / 28,169ft), one of the largest mountains in sheer size in the Himalaya. From Delhi we will take a domestic flight to Bagdogra, and then on to the legendary city of Darjeeling, home of His Holiness the Dali Lama, and the Tibetan government in exile. One day by jeep will bring us to the beginning of our two-week trek. We will travel through the Kanchenjunga Biosphere Reserve; walk in rhododendron forests, camp in small villages, visit Buddhist monasteries and shrines, traverse high alpine passes, and experience breathtaking Himalayan vistas. We will camp beside the sacred lake of Lam Pokhari and cross the high pass of Goecha La, 16,207 feet, the highest point on our route. For more information please contact Gyeljen Sherpa at alpineadventurel@gmail.com or call 720-273-7158.



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