Monthly Program Jan. 14
“The 2003 HAMS Trip to Mt Rainier”
Join us on Jan. 14 at 7:30pm at the Boulder Clubroom to hear Rick’s great story.
Rick Casey graduated from the 2003 Boulder CMC Advanced Mountaineering School and used the skills he learned to join the Denver CMC High Altitude Mountaineering 2003 trip to Mt Rainier.
The trip was a huge success due to how the group prepared and trained together. Rick will describe exactly how the group ‘did their homework’ and their subsequent 3-day ascent of Mt Rainier via the challenging Emmons-Winthrop route.
Rick has been climbing since 1975, and is a Coloradoan of 22 years. Most of his early climbing energy went into rock climbing and skiing initially, with the occasional mountaineering trip to the Colorado and Wyoming Rockies.
Recently, Rick has developed more of an interest in out-of-country mountaineering trips, and joined the CMC last year (finally!) to take advantage of the organized trips and training.

Don’t forget!
Beginner ski touring clinic
If you haven’t tried backcountry ski touring, or want to improve your technique, don’t miss this clinic on January 6 at 7pm in the Boulder Clubroom.
Call Pete Birkeland, 303-442-0304, for more information.

Registration open for BMS Winter Clinics
Registration is now open for the BMS Ice Climbing, Winter Camping/Snow Structures and two Telemark clinics.
The Ice Climbing Clinic presents the basics of ice climbing. BMS is a prerequisite, along with the ability to be self-sufficient in a winter environment. Students are required to attend Jan. 7 lecture and one of the two field trips (Jan. 17 & 18). The Ice Climbing clinic is intended for those who would like to gain experience with the basics of ice climbing.
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CMC winter use town meeting
January 22, 7 pm, Baker Classroom, American Mountaineering Center, Golden.
The CMC Conservation Department is hosting a town meeting for members to talk about future winter use in the Arapaho-Roosevelt National Forest. We are talking to the Forest Service about future recreation management and want your ideas. Areas on the agenda will include Butler Gulch, Jones Pass, Grizzly Gulch, BTL Road, Fraser Valley, Ruby Gulch, and Hermans Gulch. For more information, call 303-996-2746.
JOIN CMC’s Conservation Alert List to learn about and get involved with upcoming events, issues, etc. Send an e-mail to conservation@cmc.org with a message saying you want to sign up.

New member orientation
January 21
Maybe you’re new to the Colorado Mountain Club or perhaps you’re thinking of joining the CMC? You should come and listen to the New Member Orientation Program on Wednesday, Jan. 21, from 7-8:15 pm at the Boulder Group Clubroom in the Table Mesa Shopping Center.
Even if you’re a long-standing CMCer this is a great opportunity to bring along someone who may be interested in having fun in the mountains and meeting new friends. You’ll hear an enjoyable presentation on the many offerings of the CMC including trail hiking, backpacking, long-distance trekking, peak climbing, rock climbing, ice climbing, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, and conservation activities.
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Boulder Group leads the way in conservation
— by Beverly Gholson, Chair, Conservation and Trails Committee

Thanks to all of the Boulder CMC members who volunteered for conservation projects — pulling noxious weeds, marking trails in the snow, building climbing access trails, restoring native vegetation in damaged areas, and rerouting trails in a more ecologically sensitive way. Our members volunteered for 1,980 hours in 2003, including both projects coordinated by CMC members and projects with the Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV). WRV is a non-profit group of conservation volunteers that we have helped with grant funds. Last year WRV (and its volunteers) donated over 8,900 hours to our public lands.

The time contributed by our CMC members is valued at over $32,000 — a significant amount in these days of shrinking governmental budgets. In addition to taking care of the areas we use and love, this work is putting us in good stead with our local land managers. We are not just doing the physical work, but are also closely involved with the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks in developing their Visitor Plan. And we are meeting with the U. S. Forest Service to assist in scoping changes to the Brainard area. The CMC has become so respected in our community that the land managers are seeking our opinions before taking action. We are one of the few recreational groups that also takes its environmental mission seriously and this stance gives CMC credibility that other recreational groups lack.

As you are aware, five dollars of your dues to the Boulder Group goes for conservation. We are the only group in CMC to dedicate dues to conservation. Last year we funded $9,400 in conservation grants. We gave $6,000 to WRV; $3,000 to Eldorado Canyon to improve climbing access trails, and $400 to the Indian Peaks Forest Watch, a grass roots group that looks after the Indian Peaks area.

You can be proud of the work our group does both in financial contributions and in sweat equity. We are still the only CMC group that has a conservation work day requirement for completion of mountaineering school. And our 2003 volunteer hours more than doubled from 2002. I feel the Boulder Group is a leader for the entire CMC, and we have set the bar pretty high.

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You’ll learn about our numerous fun group outings as well as the excellent training offered by the Boulder Hiking School, Boulder Mountaineering School, Advanced Mountaineering School, Ice Climbing School, Rock Leading School, Back Country Ski School and our Leadership Seminars. You’ll also hear about our various clinics such as Mountain Oriented First Aid, Rock Rescue and Avalanche Awareness.

Call 303-554-7688 for more information.

Coming up!

Donald Williams, the author of a new book, Timberline, USA, will have a book signing/reading at the Boulder Bookstore on 2/10. Stay tuned for more information.

Also, be on the lookout for the Boulder Group’s new map! The latest edition of the full-color map of the hiking trails west of Chautauqua will be available soon.

Trip Changes

■ Forest Lakes, Saturday 12/27: Willie Gully’s ski tour will now be led by Ron Pasquini, 303-641-8514 (trip #24130).
■ Coney Flats, Sunday 2/29: The date has been changed to Saturday 1/31.
■ Yankee Doodle Lake, Saturday 2/21: The date for the trip has been changed to February 14 (trip #24122).

Advanced Mountaineering School lecture schedule

Join us for these timely topics, open to all CMC members and the general public.

All lectures are on Tuesdays at 7:30 at the CMC Boulder Group Clubroom.

Jan 6: Winter Climbing in Colorado, Jack Roberts
Jan 13: Mountaineering Equipment, Kevin Volz
Jan 20: Training for Expeditions, Gary Neptune
Jan 27: High Altitude Physiology, Linda Keyes
Feb 3: Expedition Planning, Chuck Demarest

Mailing party January 22

Come to the Boulder Clubroom and help mail out the Compass! This is a relaxed way to meet people and give something back to your favorite club.

The next issue will be ready to mail on Thursday, January 22, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone 303-554-7688 for more information.

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Topics covered include:

- Ice climbing technique (vertical and moderate slope)
- Ice climbing gear (boots, crampons, clothing, axes, etc.)
- Ice protection and methods of placement (screws, v-thread, etc.)

Helmets, ropes, and ice axes are provided. Winter/climbing boots, crampons, climbing gear, pack, and appropriate clothing are required. The fee is $35. Contact Andrew Halperin 720-562-6380 or ahalper@cisco.com.

The 2-day Telemark Area Clinic is intended for those who have some downhill, ski touring, or limited telemark skiing experience, to learn and practice new techniques and skill at a resort area.

The mandatory Jan. 5 lecture provides an overview of the two field trips (Jan. 11 & 18). Various technical topics will be discussed including gear requirements, curriculum, and field trip details.

Telemark area skis, boots, poles, and a Loveland lift ticket are required. The fee is $30. Contact Cindy Gagnon at 303-938-8564 or gagnonc2@comcast.net.

Winter Camping/Snow Structures Clinic is geared toward those with minimal winter camping experience, and topics will include tenting and snow structures. The Jan. 22 lecture will emphasize site selection, cooking, and staying warm & dry. On the Feb. 7-8 overnight field trip, those with little or no previous winter camping experience will put up tents, build kitchens and snow-walls, and, if time and weather permit, an emergency snow shelter. Those with appropriate previous experience will put up a tent and build a snow cave, which they may choose to sleep in.

Winter camping gear, warm winter clothing, and snowshoes or skies are required. The fee is $10. Contact Anne Fiore at 303-499-5038.

Tele/AT Backcountry Ski Clinic provides basic backcountry/peak skiing safety skills for the Colorado backcountry, including survival skills, survival skiing and peak skiing/navigation. Open to intermediate Telemark/AT skiers with these prerequisites: avalanche awareness; advanced beginner/intermediate backcountry skiing abilities (Tele/AT); BMS, Hiking School, or equivalent navigation skills; and previous winter backcountry travel experience.

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Skis, boots (Tele or AT), skins, poles, shovel, beacon, and all necessary backcountry ski mountaineering clothing are required. The fee is $45. Contact Cindy Gagnon at 303-938-8564 or gagnonc2@comcast.net.

Details of all these clinics can be found in the Trail & Timberline. Contact the leader for information or to sign up. Electronic applications can also be obtained from Cindy Gagnon at gagnonc2@comcast.net.

Instructors Wanted

BMS is currently scheduling instructors and assistants for the 2004 Winter BMS Clinics, including ice climbing (1/17-1/18), Tele (1/11 & 1/18), winter camping (2/7-2/8), and Tele/AT backcountry (2/22, 2/29, & 3/14).

If you are interested in helping out with any of these clinics, please contact Cindy Gagnon at gagnonc2@comcast.net or 303-938-8564.

Boulder County Citizen Fire Education Forum

Wildfire: It Is Your Backyard

Wildfire affects each and every Coloradan. If you breathe the air, drink the water, recreate in the forest or live near it, forest fire impacts you. While wildfire is a natural and necessary component of a healthy forest, it has been suppressed for the last fifty years. Now it is up to us to work together to help restore fire to its natural role in our forests.

Would you like to learn more about fire and how YOU can help to safely restore fire to its natural role as part of a healthy forest ecosystem? Southern Rockies Conservation Alliance is working in conjunction with local environmental groups, land management agencies, and the scientific community to organize a Citizen Fire Education Forum.

The forum will be Jan. 21 at 6:30pm at the Boulder City Council Chambers (1777 Broadway). The forum is free and open to the public. For more information or to sign up to help and/or attend, contact Lisa Smith at 303-534-7066 x 208 or lisa@ceceviro.org.
January 2004 Boulder Group Trips

Thursday, January 01, 2004
Brainard Cabin Easy Snowshoe
Snowshoe to CMC Brainard Lake cabin, have lunch and snowshoe back.
Marilyn Fellows 303 499-6099

Saturday, January 03, 2004
East of the Sun, The Dome
II Climb, 5.7
William Clifton 303 776-9612

Monday, January 05, 2004
BMS 2-day Telemark Clinic, Lecture
The 2-day Telemark Clinic is intended for those who have some downhill, ski touring, or limited telemark skiing experience. This mandatory lecture provides an overview of the two Telemark Clinic field trips. Signup begins at the Nov 20 BMS Winter Field Trips Overview and Signup. Cynthia L Gagnon 303 938-8564

Tuesday, January 06, 2004
Ski School Seminar
Instruction on the basics of cross-country ski touring for beginning and intermediate skiers. Lectures include clothing, equipment, and technique. Call Boulder Clubroom to sign up and arrange to pay the small fee (303-554-7688). Peter Birkeland 303 442-0304

Lecture #1, AMS
Advanced Mountaineering School lecture and slide show. Begins at 7:00pm. For registered AMS students. Wesley K Berg 970 207-0724

Wednesday, January 07, 2004
Ice Climbing Lecture
BMS is a prerequisite, and cost is $35 for lecture and field trip. Students will attend this lecture and one of the field trip outings, January 17th or January 18th. Signup begins at the Nov 20 BMS Winter Field Trips Overview and Signup meeting. Andrew F Halperin 720 562-6380

Saturday, January 10, 2004
Saturday Social for Spirit and Sweat- Moderate A
Plan on a late start and bring a nice lunch, gaiters may be needed. Fritz Neufeld 303 332-7131

Sunday, January 11, 2004
BMS 2-Day Telemark Clinic, Field trip #1
The Telemark Clinic is intended for those who have some downhill, ski touring, or limited telemark skiing experience. Signup begins at the Nov 20 BMS Winter Field Trips Overview and Signup Meeting. Prerequisite: Telemark Clinic lecture. Cynthia L Gagnon 303 938-8564

Tuesday, January 13, 2004
Lecture #2, AMS
Advanced Mountaineering School lecture and slide show. For registered AMS students. Wesley K Berg 970 207-0724

Friday, January 16, 2004
Brainard Lake (south trail) Easy II Ski Tour
Bring a lunch and $1 for cabin fee.
Tom Walker 303 666-7199

Saturday, January 17, 2004
Arapahoe Lakes Adv. I Ski Tour
From East Portal TH, follow the Forest Lakes trail to Arapahoe Creek. Good telemark/downhill skills required. Avalanche gear encouraged. Ronald Spoerl 303 494-7977

Ice Climbing Field Trip
Ice climbing lecture (1/7) and BMS are prerequisites. Cost is $35 for lecture and field trip. Helmet, crampons, and warm clothing are required. Ice tools are provided. Location to be determined based on ice conditions. Andrew F Halperin 720 562-6380

Ice Climbing Field Trip
Ice climbing lecture (1/7) and BMS are prerequisites. Cost is $35 for lecture and field trip. Helmet, crampons, and warm clothing are required. Ice tools are provided. Location to be determined based on ice conditions. Andrew F Halperin 720 562-6380

White Ranch Open Space Moderate A
Plan on a late start and bring a nice lunch, gaiters may be needed. Fritz Neufeld 303 332-7131

Deer Mtn 10,013’ Circle Moderate B
Front Range views from the top.
Rada Perovic 720 635-7453

Grizzly Pk. 13,427’ Moderate B
Start from Loveland Pass (11,990'). Follow the Continental Divide to Grizzly Peak. Entire route is above timberline, so prepare for wind.
Cindy Carey 303 530-3103

Ski Touring Field Trip
Ski tour lessons for beginners & intermediate skiers to follow 1/6 lecture. Call Clubroom to sign up (303-544-7688). Peter Birkeland 303 442-0304

Friday, January 20, 2004
Lecture #3, AMS
Advanced Mountaineering School lecture and slide show. For registered AMS students. Wesley K Berg 970 207-0724

Thursday, January 22, 2004
BMS Winter Camping/Snow Structures Clinic
Mandatory to participate in the BMS Winter Camping/Snow Structures optional field trip. Various winter camping topics to be covered. Signup begins at the Nov 20 BMS Winter Field Trips Overview and Signup.
Anne M Fiore 303 499-5038

Saturday, January 24, 2004
Saturday Social for Spirit and Sweat- Moderate A
Meet at Einsteins at the corner of Broadway and Baseline. Marilyn Fellows 303 499-6099

Winter Park Easy II Ski Tour
Ski from the former Idelwild ski area to the South Fork loop. Steve Priem 303 499-9024

Sourdough Trail Mod. III Ski Tour
Ski north on the Sourdough Trail from the CU Research Station Rd to the Red Rocks parking area, after setting up a car shuttle. This direction involves about 1200 ft of elevation gain and 400 ft of loss. Dan Bereck 303 499-1626

Glacier Travel, Crevasse Rescue, AMS Field Trip
Advanced Mountaineering School Field Trip #1. Students practice techniques in team glacier travel, building snow anchors, crevasse self-rescue, and crevasse team rescue with a Z-pulley system. Crampons and Ice Axe required. Practice at St. Mary’s Glacier. Wesley K Berg 970 207-0724

Sunday, January 25, 2004
Peaceful Valley or Eldora Mod. I Ski Tour
Ski tour for beginners who have attended the x-country ski school or have equivalent experience. Trip length depends on group ability, but we’ll aim for 6 miles RT and 600 ft elevation gain. Robert Mayer 303 444-2548

Butler Gulch Adv. I Ski Tour
Butler Gulch AT/Tele Day: beginner/intermediate powder hounds. AT or telemark gear & skins required but no avalanche beacons required. Min. 3 miles ski RT, elevation 1400 ft. Ronald M Pasquini 303 641-8514

Tuesday, January 27, 2004
Lecture #4, AMS, 7 p.m.
Advanced Mountaineering School lecture and slide show. For registered AMS students. Wesley K Berg 970 207-0724

Wednesday, January 28, 2004
Ice Climbing Lecture
BMS is a prerequisite, and cost is $35 for lecture and field trip. Helmet, crampons, and warm clothing are required. Ice tools are provided. Crampons should be adjusted before field trip. Location to be determined based on ice conditions. Andrew F Halperin 720 562-6380

Friday, January 30, 2004
Alluvial Fan Easy II Ski Tour
Bring a lunch and $1 for cabin fee.
Tom Walker 303 666-7199
Meet Don Walker, 2004 Boulder Group Chair

Don Walker will chair the Boulder Group CMC Council for 2004. Don has served as a member of the Boulder Council for the past (nearly) six years.

Currently a Senior BMS Instructor, Don went through the Boulder Mountaineering School himself in 1996 and has taught in the school every year since then. He has also taught in the Hiking School and in the Rock Leading School, as well as serving as Compass newsletter editor for five years. Don is a CMC Group I Rock Leader and a Trip Leader, leading snowshoe and backpack trips plus A, B and C hiking trips.

Don says:

“I’ve loved camping and backpacking almost ever since I can remember. At the ages of five and six I used to camp with my three cousins during the summer in the not-too-wild back woods of rural Maryland. I remember the musty odor of our heavy old oiled-canvas “umbrella tent” and I can still practically feel the bugs & spiders crawling around on my skin at night. (You must understand that tents in those days didn’t have sewn-in floors and zippered mosquito netting in the doors).

“I recall too well how painfully the narrow straps of my low-tech all-cloth rucksack used to cut into my shoulders when I hiked along wooded trails with the Boy Scouts. But then, on the positive side, who could ever forget the wonderful sound and aroma of fresh bacon sizzling over a smoky open campfire early on a chilly morning? (Just don’t remind yourself how hard it was to scour those greasy and sooty pans in cold stream water afterward!)

“As a twelve-year-old kid I camped high in the Sierra Nevada. Then later on in my twenties and thirties I spent time in Tennessee, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maine, climbing low mountains and hiking & camping along the Appalachian Trail. I even logged few miles in the Colombian Andes during that period, hiking on ancient stone-paved Inca trails, by this time using a 1970’s model Kelty external-frame backpack with wide padded shoulder straps and an add-on waist belt with a bulky aluminum buckle.”

Q. What do you like best about the Colorado Mountain Club?

A. I’d have to say the people. The CMC has about 9,500 members statewide and Boulder has about 1,600 members right now. I haven’t met them all, but I’ve liked all the ones I’ve met. I also love all the outings we offer, and of course our terrific schools.

Q. What sorts of CMC trips are your favorites?

A. Well, that’s been changing for me over the years. I still like rock and ice climbing, but I also very much enjoy taking my camera out on easy A hikes and photographing the flowers.

I’ve done some 14ers with the CMC too (not all of them by any means) but I think these days I’m more into the gentler hikes up around timberline. Of course I do know other CMC friends who tackle 8000-meter peaks in Nepal (for instance), doing the really adventurous stuff, which I have never done myself. I admire those folks immensely but, with the exception of ice climbing in Ouray this winter, I’ll probably spend more & more time on our local trails enjoying the nice scenery and the blooming wildflowers.

Q. Have you had any particularly exciting experiences in the CMC?

A. Sure, lots of them, mostly involving the thrill of finding myself on a particularly beautiful trail and being awed by the scenery. And I guess I should also mention the time I got struck by lightning. That was certainly exciting. Fortunately I wasn’t hurt at all, nor were any of the others with me. But just getting out into the mountains is exciting enough.

Q. So what led you to become the Boulder CMC Chair?

A. I was the only one who would accept the job at the time! <grin> In fact, I’ve had a lot of fun in this club and I’m pleased to handle the administrative duties for one year. Then it’ll become the vice-Chair’s responsibility in 2005, and we have a good vice-Chair, Fritz Neufeld.

Q. Do you have any special plans for the coming year?

A. Yes. I hope to work on bolstering our local membership and encouraging all of our people to get out a few more times this year to enjoy the camaraderie of hiking or climbing together. I’ve had many, many great experiences during my time with the Colorado Mountain Club and I’d like to see that others have the opportunity to enjoy this club as much as I have.

Editor’s note: Yay, Don! 😊
Great Deals for CMC Music Lovers!

The CMC and Swallow Hill Music Association are presenting two concerts in the Foss Auditorium of the American Mountaineering Center in Golden.

The first is David Williams & The Hot Club of the Rockies performing Parisian and Western swing music on January 22.

Led by David Williams (multi-instrumentalist & vocals) and includes Duane Webster (bass), Julia Hays (violin), Charlie Provenza (mandolin), Bob Cannistraro (guitar), The Hot Club plays in the style, as the name suggests, of Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli — Gypsy Jazz, acoustic swing-jazz played on string instruments.

Gypsy Jazz originally developed in France, built upon the foundation and songbooks of American jazz. It is a wildly infectious style, full of both hot licks and tender ballads, and it is currently undergoing a renaissance world-wide.

The Smithsonian Institute recently launched a traveling exhibit called “The Jazz Age in Paris,” for which The Hot Club of the Rockies performed. For more information, go to www.davidwilliamsmusician.com/HotClubindividuals.htm.

The second concert is Bob Turner & Friends performing classic Colorado music on February 26.

Both concerts will begin at 8pm. Tickets are $10 in advance or $12 on the day of the show. CMC member price is $8 in advance or $10 on the day of the show. Tickets are available by calling Swallow Hill at 303-777-1003.

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