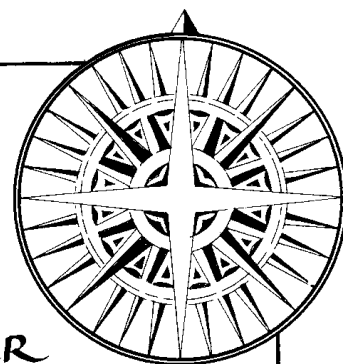




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### Breaking news

## Basic Hiking and Mountaineering Schools Restructuring

contributed by Nickie Kelly

Have you put off taking (or teaching) the Basic Hiking or Mountaineering School (BHS, BMS) because you haven't been able to make the time commitment? Ever wish you could drop in on a map and compass fieldtrip to refresh your skills? Maybe you have conquered the high peaks and are ready to be a rock star but it's been years since you've taken BMS and you can't remember a clove hitch from a figure eight. Sound familiar? Then you'll be happy to hear about the changes taking place in the Boulder Group Schools.

The Hiking and Mountaineering schools are breaking up their five and seven week classes into modules and combining redundant subjects. All topics are still offered but in separate classes. Members can now tailor instruction to the types of outdoor adventures of their choosing be it hiking the local trails, local or alpine climbing or peak bagging. And yes we will still celebrate BMS graduations at the annual dinner for those that complete instruction and trip requirements (Hiking II, BRS, Basic Snow, and attendance on club-led rock climbs, peak climbs, and a conservation activity.) The Boulder Hiking School requirements are Hiking I and II, Backpacking and Basic Snow.

In conjunction with restructuring the schools, the curriculum and teaching techniques will be reviewed to insure we are using the current best safety and instruction practices. (See related article on grant in col. 1). Transitioning to the new structure will begin this fall with the Basic Rock School, BRS. This allows time for curriculum review and instructor training. The full complement of hiking, mountaineering and snow schools will begin next spring. If there are requests, the hiking modules will be repeated in the fall in addition to BRS.

Applications for the fall BRS will be available on our website, at [www.cmcboulder.org](http://www.cmcboulder.org) in early August. Online registration will be available at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com). Your feedback and patience is appreciated as we work out

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## Basic Mountaineering School Receives Eckart Roder Education Funding

contributed by Nickie Kelly

Current restructuring and content review efforts of the Boulder Group's Basic Mountaineering School (BMS) have been recognized through an \$830 funding award by the CMC Board of Directors based on the recommendation of the Eckart Roder Advisory Committee. Maintaining the highest caliber of instruction in mountain safety and responsibility while meeting the needs of CMC members is the goal of the BMS review. (See related article in col 1). These goals meet the spirit of the Eckart Roder Educational Fund which embodies the values of mountain safety, responsibility and courtesy.

Funding will be used specifically to review the curriculum for best practices and training. Senior instructor training will encourage safety, and team-building. This project also serves as a platform for inter-group collaboration. A final report and highlights of the project will be shared at the Eckart Roder Educational Fund Dinner scheduled for February 15, 2006.

The Eckart Roder Education Fund was organized in 2003, in honor of Eckart Roder who was a long-time member of the Colorado Mountain Club. He exemplified the values of mountain safety, responsibility and courtesy. The Fund

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*(See brief table on new BMS and HMS classes on page 6.)*

## CMC Speaker opens new chapter on famous 'Alive!' saga

In February 2005 CMC member Ricardo Peña had just finished guiding Aconcagua. He had always been fascinated by the story of the Uruguayan Airplane crash that happened on October 13th, 1972. That was the beginning of an incredible ordeal the 45 survivors of the crash went through 72 days in the Andes. "I had found out on my previous Aconcagua expedition that there was a way to reach the place where this event took place. So I decided to extend my trip a few days and go explore that area," recalls Ricardo. As he explored the area above wreckage, he found a roll of film and a wallet from one of the survivors. "This confirmed, finally beyond a doubt, that all these were in fact remains from that accident and that most likely nobody had ever set foot where we were."

Ricardo and plane crash survivor, Eduardo Strauch, who is from Uruguay, will be touring the U.S. on a series of presentations this summer telling their stories of discovery and survival. Their Colorado presentation will be August 25, 2005 in Golden. Tickets will be available at [www.cmc.org](http://www.cmc.org) and at the CMC office in Golden. Also, read about Ricardo's discovery at [www.alpineexpeditions.net](http://www.alpineexpeditions.net).

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the details of the schools. For more information or questions, contact Dawn DuPriest at [bms@cmcboulder.org](mailto:bms@cmcboulder.org).

### Volunteers Needed!

Interested in helping archive the colorful, intriguing history of the Boulder CMC? People needed to help sort photos, clippings, publications, etc. Please call Sheila at the Clubroom, 303-554-7688.

Volunteers to serve on the Annual Dinner Committee members needed. The Dinner will be Nov 6. Please contact Marilyn Fellows at [marilyn.fellows@ERATradewind.com](mailto:marilyn.fellows@ERATradewind.com) or 303-887-1919



Team leaders enjoying the traditional post-classes clubhouse party.

(contributed by Peter Stout)

### Monthly Program for August

Dave Cooper will present a show Wednesday, August 17 and discuss his new book, *Colorado Scrambles*. I had no further details as this issue was going to press, but watch your weekly GPS for details (also available at [cmcboulder.org](http://cmcboulder.org)). -- Rick Casey

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seeks primarily to provide support for the educational programs of the Denver group of the CMC, but may also be used for CMC education programs as recommended by the Fund Advisory Committee and approved by the CMC Board of Directors. Contributions to the fund are continuously accepted

### Mailing party August 18

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the September 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, August 18, at 5:30pm, so please just drop in. Phone Sheila at 303-554-7688 for more information.

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We welcome announcements, articles, letters, artwork, and photos. Please submit material to the Editor **by the second Monday** of the month for inclusion in the following month's issue.

### Do Your Part For Conservation!

Join the fun Saturday August 27 for the Boulder Group's 8th annual trip into the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area to pull noxious 'canada thistle' in partnership with the USFS. We'll hike about 6 miles (1500 feet) and pull several stands of thistle on the way down.

Contact leader, Pat Butler (303-440-0958)

### **The Chairman's Report:**

## **CMC State Financial Committee Meeting**

*contributed by Doug Turley*

On June 18th I attended the State Financial Committee meeting, headed by our new State Treasurer, Jose Vallejo. In some communication prior to the meeting, Jose told us that, after the April financials, if the State CMC collected all revenues and payables it would have \$20,000 left in cash in the bank. Sorry that is not a typo. That figure is \$20,000. Given the investment that we have in the building in Golden and our commitment to salaries and other expenses, that is not a lot of money. After having heard that, my mind went through all of the scenarios that could easily swallow that sum up.

That was the bad news.

The good news was Jose. He was a breath of fresh air and impressed me, and I think others, with his no-nonsense attitude and conservative and simple approach to what the club needs to do to be truly solvent and on solid ground in order to meet its obligations and to plan and prepare for the future. In a phrase (in my words) it was, 'spend less than you make'. Having grown up in rural Iowa in a relatively poor family I related very well to his message and remembered how, at the time, it was directly tied to how well we ate that day or not! Jose went on to say that he wants to see us grow revenues by 5% next year and place all excess funds in a reserve account. He also asked for 2 of the 5 members of the finance committee to come from the groups. A very novel approach! Paul Culnan has volunteered to be on the committee and I know he will serve the CMC well.

Some other good news is that the staff in Golden is currently maintaining a balanced budget. Yet, some big questions still loom, and they are questions I hear from members on a weekly basis: Where will the 5% revenue increase come from? Will we

have to raise dues again? Can we maintain the building in Golden? Are the state salaries part of our financial problem? Are our conservation and education programs part of the problem?

These questions and others are on lots of peoples minds and I wish I had the answers to them. My only hope is that this article can spark more discussion and interest among all of you while hiking, climbing and (believe it or not still) skiing. Jose and staff are starting to look at next year's budget and the finance committee will be making recommendations in October to the Board. I urge all of you to try your best to understand the issues and get involved and state your opinions to the local Council, State Staff and State Board. Given the type of problems that mountaineers solve on a daily basis while scaling tall peaks, I firmly believe this will be an easy problem to resolve once we put our minds to it.

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## **Fire Season Awareness: Tips from the Safety Committee**

*contributed by Sandy Hollingsworth*

With fires reported on Flagstaff Mountain, Sugarloaf Mountain and Switzerland Trail in recent weeks, it seems a good opportunity to remind or inform CMC members and their visitors about fire safety. These local fires were relatively small, but wind, extreme heat and challenging accessibility could mean a fast spread. Please contact the county in which you are planning to have a fire to see if there is a Fire Ban in place. Report to Boulder County Dispatch 303-441-4444, Gilpin County 303-582-5500

Some tips for reporting a fire or incident in the forests as provided by the USFS Boulder Ranger District are:

Before reporting be able to answer: Who you are (your contact information); What is the problem (details on who or what is involved); Where is the incident (give a detailed location with landmarks if possible); How big is the problem (campfire vs. 5 acres); How bad is the problem (is it spreading? Dangerous

## **A New Guide to 'Scrambling'**

A new CMC Classics guidebook, **Colorado Scrambles**, is now available. If you are looking for alternative routes up Colorado's most scenic and often challenging peaks, **Colorado Scrambles** could be a fine addition to your guide collection. At 304 pages, the book is loaded with high quality color maps and instructive color photos. The author is **Dave Cooper**, a CMC member who has climbed in Colorado and the world over for several decades. Dave details *scrambling* routes on 50 Colorado peaks, which he defines as the realm between off-trail hiking and technical climbing. The routes describe a substantial amount of second-, third-, and fourth-class climbing, including details of the approaches. In almost all cases, the routes have been GPS-verified. For each route described, sidebars highlight how to get to the area, the overall difficulty of the scramble, and other statistics including round trip time, elevation gain, and mileage for the scramble. Order online at [www.cmc.org](http://www.cmc.org) and receive the 20% member discount. Dave is scheduled to be the program speaker on Wednesday, August 17 (watch your GPS issue for details).

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elements?); Who else is involved (vehicle descriptions, others called to the scene); What else is involved (structures threatened?)

For smoke reports, please try to determine the source first. Is it a legal fire, barbeque, chimney smoke? Rural fire responders are sometimes called to legal fires when the reporter could have checked it out first. Please use your best judgement given the situation.

For more information USFS Boulder Ranger District 303-541-2500, [www.forest-watch.org](http://www.forest-watch.org), and [www.fs.fed.us/r2/arnf](http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/arnf)

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# August 2005 Trips

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## Wednesday, August 3

After Work Social Hike Moderate A

Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don't call, just show up at 6:00 p.m. at the Club Room. Boulder/Eldorado Springs. 4/800'. 5 mi. Steven Haymes, (303)444-4765. (Trip#29733)

## Friday, August 5

Walker Ranch Loop Mountain Bike Tour, Moderate

Meet at 6 p.m. This is a technical but very fun ride. You will have to carry your bike through some sections. Enjoy beautiful views of Eldorado State Park and the Indian Peaks. The ride will take 2-3 hours. Trailhead located 8 mi W of Boulder off Flagstaff Road. Eldorado Springs. 8 mi, 1,000'. Birgit Mueller, (303)524-9830. (Trip#29776)

## Sunday, August 7

Castle Rock, West Face 5.5, Boulder Canyon, Rock I Climb

This 2 pitch climb begins with a slot or crack to the first belay. Next climb a chimney and then follow cracks to the summit. Please contact at (303)564-8173 or garnett@acm.org. James Garnett, (303)564-8173. (Trip#29868)

## Monday, August 8

Arapaho Pass Easy B

Start hiking at Buckingham Park Trailhead - climb toward the pass up gentle south slope of the ridge abundant flowers along trail - continue past Fourth of July Mine to summit. Look down on Lake Granby and view of Gore Range. This is an old Indian trail be on the lookout for flint chips. 6/1,785'. 6 mi. Donald Kava, (303)494-2632. (Trip#29762)

## Tuesday, August 9

### *BMS Sign-up Special*

Sign up for the fall BMS session at the

Boulder Clubroom at 633 South Broadway, Unit N from 5:30 to 8:00pm People who sign up in person will get priority for the school. Meet at 5:30 pm. Dawn DuPriest, (970)223-2621. (Trip#29786)

## Wednesday, August 10

After Work Social Hike Moderate A

Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don't call, just show up at 6:00 p.m. at the Club Room. Boulder/Eldorado Springs. 4/800'. 5 mi. Samuel Levis, (303)938-9504. (Trip#29751)

## Friday-Sunday, August 12-14

Jackson Creek Dome, Area Climb

Rock Climb/Car Camp

5.6-5.10. Let's go rock climbing at Jackson Creek Dome off of Rampart Range Rd w/car camp. Enjoy fantastic friction and crack climbing on this huge granite dome. It's been a while since the fire and we've stayed away too long. John W Keller, (303)530-9291. (Trip#29853)

## Saturday, August 13

Diamond Lake 10,960' Moderate B

Upper Diamond Lake

Start at Fourth of July Campground. Follow flower filled valley, then climb over ridges past Diamond Lake to Upper Diamond. Descend back to Fourth of July Campground. Nederland/East ortal. 6/2,200'. 70 mi. Marilyn Fellows, (303)499-6099. (Trip#29770)

## Sunday, August 14

Arapaho Pass, Moderate B

Lake Dorothy

From the Buckingham Campground, follow a well defined trail up the south side of a long wildflower-covered valley to the lake, which sits under Neva Peak. Monarch Lake. 7/1,940'. Louis F

Genduso, (303)530-3795. (Trip#29726)

Tour of Upper Dream Canyon, Rock Climb III

Boulder Canyon 5.8

This will be a great area trip with sport routes between 5.8 and 5.10. Ron Olsen, (303)449-1935. (Trip#29865)

## Wednesday, August 17

After Work Social Hike Moderate A

Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don't call, just show up at 6:00 p.m. at the Club Room. Boulder/Eldorado Springs. 4/800'. 5 mi. Marilyn Fellows, (303)499-6099. (Trip#29743)

## Saturday, August 20

**TRIP CHANGE:** Lincoln, Bross, Democrat

Due to private property issues this trip has been changed to Mt Evans (14,264). We will climb the Mt Evans West Ridge route from Guanella Pass. On the way back, if the group wants, we will climb Mt Spaulding (13,842). 9 miles, 3,100 feet. Phillip Congdon, (303)926-1408. (Trip#29814)

Queen Anne's Head I Climb

Third Flatiron 5.4

Climb 3 pitches with great rappels. Dihedrals, cracks and faces- it has it all. William Clopton, (303)775-9083. (Trip#29849)

Osiris II Climb

Lumpy Ridge 5.7

Estes Cone 11,006'

Popular 5 pitch climb in a beautiful setting. Climb a chimney followed by cracks and dihedrals to the top of the Book. Brenda Leach, (303)525-3660. (Trip#29829)

# August 2005 Trips

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## Sunday, August 21

### The Backporch II Climb

#### Flatirons 5.7

Climb a prominent peak behind NCAR. Some unusual rappels are the highlight of this trip. Slabs and overhangs prevail. William Clopton, (303)7759083. (Trip#29850)

## Wednesday, August 24

After Work Social Hike Moderate A  
Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don't call, just show up at 6:00 p.m. at the Club Room. Boulder/Eldorado Springs. 4/800'. 5 mi. Connie Schwab, (303)516-9797. (Trip#29744)

## Friday-Sunday, August 26-28

### Eleven Mile Canyon, Area Climb, 5.5

An area climb on the South Platte River near Florissant features many short climbs. Drive Friday and camp in 11 mile canyon. Climb the stair case (5.5) on Arch rock on Sat. On Sun., climb School Daze 5.5 or Sunshine Face 5.0 on Turret Dome. Is it really 5.0. See the area guide book by Bob D'Antonio. Bruce Immele, (303)903-4517. (TriP#29844)

## Saturday, August 27

### Mt. Audubon 13,223' Moderate B

Our nearest and most accessible thirteener is reached from Brainard Lake by an excellent trail (the "Autobahn"). Ward. 7/2,740'. 70 mi. Donald Kava, (303)494-2632. (Trip#29810)

### Middle St Vrain Weed Hike Moderate C

Do your part for conservation! Join the 8th annual trip to control noxious weeds in the Indian Peaks Wilderness Area. In partnership with the US Forest Service, we'll hike swiftly up the Middle St. Vrain, pulling Canada thistle on our way down.

Register with leader. Patricia Butler (303)440-0485. Allens Park/Isolation Pk. 12/1,700'. 60 mi. Register with leader. Patricia Butler, (303)440-0586. (Trip#29799)

### Torreys Pk. 14,267' Moderate C-E

### Kelso Ridge

A different, excellent route up a familiar peak, the ridge has some scrambling and exposure. Grays Pk. 7/3,000'. 140 mi. Seth W Allen, (303)554-5546. (Trip#29812)

## Sunday, August 28

### Mt. Audubon 13,223' Moderate B

Our nearest and most accessible thirteener is reached from Brainard Lake via a forested and tundra trail (the "Autobahn"), with boulder hopping to the spacious summit. Weather and group interest permitting, we may also climb adjacent "Notabon." Ward. 9/2,740'. 70 mi. Natalie Mack, (303)5438305. (Trip#29758)

### Fifth Flatiron I Climb

### North Ridge Route 5.4

Join us for the annual Fifth Flatiron trip. This approach may require some gnarly bushwacking so plan to dress accordingly. Gary D. Price, (303)6669169. (Trip#29878)

### Tour of Avalon III Climb

### Boulder Canyon 5.7

This crag is 500 feet tall and next to Vampire Rock. We will do several routes ranging from 5.7 to 5.10 sport. Ron Olsen, (303)449-1935. (Trip#29861)

## Wednesday, August 31

### After Work Social Hike Moderate A

Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike on south Boulder Mountain Parks and Open Space. Don't call, just show up at 6:00 p.m. at the Club Room. Boulder/Eldorado Springs. 4/800'. 5 mi. Natalie Mack, (303)543-8305. (Trip#29745)

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## Winter Trips Due

Trip leaders: it's time to submit trips for the Winter Activity Schedule, for trips from November 1st, 2005 through April 30th, 2006. Trips must be submitted to the Trip Schedulers no later than Friday, August 26th, (earlier is always helpful!). Trip Schedulers are: AB trips: Ruth Eastman <ruthanneastman@msn.com> 303-652-3097. CD trips: Ann Keane <a\_keane@indra.com> 303-258-9390. Rock climbs: Chris Glascock <the14erclimber@earthlink.net> 303-664-1464. Ice climbs: Andrew Halpern <ahalper@cisco.com> 720 562-6380. Ski trips: Patricia Butler <butler@csd.net> 303 440-0586. Other questions? Contact <outings@cmcboulder.org> 303-554-5546.

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## HAMS Trip to Ecuador this Christmas

Experience the culture and celebration the holidays in the fabulous mountains on the equator! The Denver group's High Altitude Mountaineering School is planning an expedition to Ecuador December 23rd, 2005 through January 7th, 2006. Lower acclimatization climbs will be around Quito before attempting higher peaks on Cayambe(18,997') or Chimborazo(20,703'). BMS and HAMS graduates or equivalent experience necessary (difficult D-E trip). Maximum 10 participants plus 2 leaders. Land cost is \$1200, estimated airfare \$1100. Contact Greg Olson (gpolson@comcast.net) or Kurt Webbenmeyer (kawibbenmeyer@yahoo.com) for additional details and application packet.

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## New BMC/HMS Classes

Here is a partial listing of the new BHS/BMS modules that have resulted from the restructuring of BMS and HMS. For a complete listing, please see the website, [cmcboulder.org](http://cmcboulder.org):

**School - Title : Description. Season Offered. # Lectures / Field Trips.  
Prerequisites.**

Hiking I – Wilderness Survival: Gear, trip planning, safety, ten essentials, building shelter / fire, nutrition, clothing. Offered in Spring or Fall as requested. 2 Lectures.

Hiking II – Navigation: Map & Compass, Navigation, Route finding, Weather, Spring or Fall as requested. 2 Lectures.

Backpacking: Gear, planning, food, clothing, safety Spring or Fall as requested. 1 Lecture, 1 FT. Pre: Hiking I & II.

Basic Snow - Soft snow travel : Use of ice axe, kicking steps, self-arrest, descent, glissading. Spring. 1 Lecture, 1 FT. Preq: Hiking I & II.

Boulder Rock School (BRS) : Basic rock climbing, knots & equipment, belaying, rappelling, multi-pitch climbing, basic self-rescue. Spring and Fall. 2 Lectures, 3 FT. Preq: None, Hiking I recommended.

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