A Message from the CMC President:

Dear Colleagues,

For close to a century, the CMC has worked to serve our members, provide stewardship of our mountain resources and be the voice of Coloradans who care about our beautiful state. While we honor the incredible legacy we have inherited from past members, it is important we all do our part to help our club thrive and progress in its coming second century.

Towards this end, over the next several years, your Board of Directors will be working to update our strategic plan, develop vision and values statements and refine policy and planning efforts to ascertain our club is advancing as our members desire. We value your thoughts and input to this process.

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This Month’s Profile: Ken and Ruth Wright

Editor’s Note: This month’s interview is with Ken and Ruth Wright, who have given much to the CMC since joining back in the Fifties. I gave them a difficult task: describe their story with the club in the short space of an interview. It was rewarding to hear their anecdotes of how much the CMC has meant to them over the years. This is their (much abbreviated) story:

Baker Armstrong, the Boulder Group Chairman, ran a Daily Camera notice about a BCMC climb of the Third Flatiron; it was February 1957. I found his home at 9th and Baseline, knocked on his door, and out popped Baker Armstrong with a big friendly “Hello!”

I told Baker that I was new in Boulder, that I was temporarily camping in Eben Fine Park [Editor: Yes, this was legal back then!] until I could find a place to live, and that I wanted to sign up for his Saturday Third Flatiron climb. It was only a matter of minutes before I filled out an application to the BCMC that was endorsed by the Boulder Group Chairman as my sponsor. This was one of my most important actions during those first few weeks in Boulder. And, the climb went well in all respects, including the sharing of Baker’s canned sardines on the summit.

A house was soon rented on 19th Street, Ruth and our new baby arrived in Boulder from Milwaukee, and I had a job at the Denver Federal Center. Ruth and I participated regularly in CMC activities, and we met dozens of members from other CMC groups who helped enrich our lives.

Baker Armstrong’s term as Chairman came to an end at the 1958 Annual Dinner where he nominated me to take over the club reins, followed by a Hugh A. McCaffrey motion for a unanimous ballot. I served as Chairman for the 1959-60 two-year period and then went on to be CMC Vice-President in 1961 and State President in 1962 -- the CMC’s 50th anniversary year.

We selected the YMCA Camp at Estes Park for the 50th anniversary three-day convention that was chaired by Ruth, continued on page 2, Profile
who recognized the importance of the CMC to preservation of Colorado’s high
country. The convention attracted 500
members and turned out to be a gala
event, with several of the original CMC
founders from 1912 participating. There
were many highlights, but we remember
a young Richard Lamm, who lectured
on conservation and the importance of
the environmental movement. We heard
debates on The Silent Spring by Rachel
Carson, about whether or not she was an
extremist!

Ruth later became Boulder Group Chair-
man in 1963. The group grew from 98
members when Ken took over to some
300 when Ruth’s term ended, but we
did not measure success in numbers, but
only the quality of the BCMMC, its mem-
bers, and the good that it could do.

The goals that we set for the BCMMC in
the early 1960s focused on conservation,
wide ranging climbing trips and attrac-
tive summer outings where children
were more than welcome. Using weekly
notices in the Daily Camera, these trips
were always well attended, and new
members were regularly being added to
our rolls.

The 1960s were good ones for the
BCMMC, not unlike the present. Friend-
ships, camaraderie, and helping one
another to learn about climbing and
preserving Colorado’s mountain envi-
ronment were what made the BCMMC an
important and active club.

Ruth, while Chairman, started the
Boulder Climbing School at the Am-
phitheater. It started out with a bang! Thir-
ten-year old Layton Kor showed
up with his father for delay and rappel
training. He looked promising, and we
judged him to be a respectful teenager!
She also initiated a Boulder Group trip
schedule. Many of us also participated
in the Rocky Mountain Rescue Group.

Ruth and Ken led trips and especially
liked the Indian Peaks, where our par-
ticipants could overnight at the Brainard
Lake Cabin and chop firewood before
dinner. We were active at the State level
as well. As Membership Chair, Ruth’s
energy and ideas led to the formation
of the Aspen CMC Group and then the
Longmont Group. Ken even went to
Leadville to meet with Attorney Peter Cos-
griff in an attempt to form a Lead-
ville CMC Group. Along with the
CMC, our being National Ski Patrolmen
at Arapahoe Ski Basin meant lots of
weekends in the high country, where we
learned to better appreciate the wonders
of Colorado.

Over the following years, we have main-
tained an active interest in the CMC.
For instance, Ken was a 1973 founder of
the CMC Foundation and served for 32
years on the Board of Directors, several
as President. Here too, longtime friend-
ships were developed.

The BCMMC in 2006 is a terrific group,
and we both feel privileged to be long
term 50-year members. Our friendships
from the 1960s and later still continue.
In looking back on our earlier BCMMC
activities, we say that it was one of
the most important periods of our life,
because it helped shape our future for the
next several decades.

It was also important to our children.
Our two daughters learned to appreciate
the out-of-doors. The friends they
developed helped shape their interper-
sonal skills and conservation ethics.
The BCMMC is a great place for family
activities.

The monthly newsletter is appreciated;
it helps us keep in touch with the BCMMC
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Volunteers Needed

Third Flatiron Trail
Reconstruction

Come out for a satisfying day of trail res-
oration on a trail the CMC, and the local
climbing community, frequently uses.
This project fulfills the BMS graduation
volunteer requirement.

Meet at Chautauqua Ranger Cottage,
Saturday, Sept 23, 8:30am, prepared
to stay until 3pm. Lunch, water, work
gloves, appropriate footwear, sunglasses,
sunscreen, long pants (recommended),
and be prepared for any weather condi-
tions.

For more information, email fcc [at]
flatironsclimbing.com or visit www.flat-
ironsclimbing.com. This project is a joint
effort of the Flatirons Climbing Council,
the Access Fund, and the American Al-
pine Club, in cooperation with Boulder
Open Space.

Mailing party September 21

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out
the October Compass! This is a relaxed
way to meet people and give something
back to your favorite club. The next is-
ssue will be ready to mail on Thursday,
September 21, at 5:30pm, so please just
drop in. Phone Sheila at 303-554-7688
for more information.

Cabins Work Parties

Help get our beautiful Brainard and
Årestua cabins ready for the winter. No
sign-up needed; these are work and par-
ties, both. Brainard Lake Cabin: Sat. and
Sun., September 30 and October 1. We
are going to party for two days straight,
so spend the night! (no reservations
needed). Årestua Cabin on Guinn Mt:
Sat., Sept. 9. Tasks to be done: Wood
cutting, hauling, splitting, and stacking.
Clean the insides of the cabins. Replace
the window and door flashing at Brain-
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### Heard On The Trail...

#### Annual Dinner Meeting and Party

**Saturday, November 4th**

A terrific opportunity to see old friends, make new ones, and swap tales. Join us at 5 p.m. for the social hour at the Avalon Ballroom; 6185 Arapahoe Ave. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. followed by a very brief annual meeting, a terrific program, and a community dance. Our Club Chair, Tonya Riggs, is our program speaker. “The North Side of Everest: Zero to Sixty Through the CMC” is a slide presentation of events leading up to her recent Everest expedition. Tonya is the Director of Sales and Marketing for Trango U.S.A. - a premier brand of technical climbing hardware. This year’s festivity will be an old-fashioned potluck. Bring one dish of your choice, but please indicate the category on your reservation. For wine and beer, it’s BYOB. The price is a whopping $8.00, which covers people to do the setup and cleanup, providing serving utensils, setups, punch, coffee, and tea. Stay after the program to socialize, or to kick up your heels in a community dance led by internationally-known dance instructor, Ingvar Sodal. No dance experience is necessary to have fun! To make your reservation, fill out the coupon below and send it in with your check; see you there, and bring all your dancing friends! □

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### CMC ORIENTATION

**Wed, September 20**

New or prospective members: discover other outdoor enthusiasts at this free meeting, 7-8:15 pm at the BCMC Clubroom. Details: (303) 554-7688 or www.cmcboulder.org (see Group ➞ Calendar).

#### The Editor’s Essay

**Update on BCMC Web Site and other musings**

The BCMC website (cmc Boulder.org) has been steadily adding content and features, thanks to the combined efforts of our star volunteer programmer, Tom Crosman, along with help from other club members in the BMS and the Council. I would like to point out two very useful areas of which you might not be aware.

First, all BMS school information for fall is online and current, so schedules, content, pricing and applications are all there. To see this, from the main menu, click Schools, then BMS; then a **new** menu will appear in the next page (which fooled me the first time I tried it!), and from here click on ‘Schools’ or ‘Schedules’ and the various submenus, to see all kinds of detailed information that the BMS has to offer.

Second, there is a group calendar that the BMS and Council will be using to post all our events, activities and other info. To see it, from the main menu, click Group, then Calendar. You will see the current month, and can scroll forward or backward for other months. Click on an event to see more information. I think you’ll agree this is a pretty quick and nifty way to see at glance what the Club is up to. All BMS and Council members have access to post calendar items, so I am hoping this Calendar will become the point of contact for late notice changes. Please note that no trips are posted on the calendar, as that would duplicate info on the state CMC website. You can get there by clicking on Home, then State from the main menu. To see the trip schedules there, you will need to login, but if you forget your password, it can be emailed to you immediately. (If you did not register with an email, just call the office)

Other website features that you might find interesting are:

- **Upload your action photos:** under Group, then Share Your Photos. Your chance at fame and be featured in the Action Photo Of The Month!
- **Read past Compass issues:** under Compass, then Back Issues
- **New links of interest will continue to be added under Resources. I especially recommend looking at summitpost.com!**
- **Give us your feedback on the website under Contact, then Webmaster. Your constructive comments will be taken seriously and implemented!**

Another plug I’d like to mention is that the clubroom has a digital slide projector, as well as older slide projectors, and **anyone** is welcome to give a slide show for a monthly program.

Finally, the mystery of “The Peak” artist was solved! The artist was Gwen Meux, an active CMC member from years past, and it was a drawing of Lone Eagle Peak. (More on this in a future issue.) Thanks to Sheila for helping me solve the mystery! □

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### HAMS 2006

The High Altitude Mountaineering Section (HAMS, Denver group) is signing up students for its seminar series, which consists of six sessions on consecutive Monday nights from Oct 2 to Nov 6, 7-9:30 pm. This is a prerequisite to the winter field classes held later. See the state website for details (cmc.org). □

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### Annual Dinner Reservation Saturday November 4th 2006

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September 2006 Trips

Wednesday, August 30

Afterwork Social Hike  Easy 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 Boulder CMC Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Boulder/Eldorado Springs. 4/800’. 5 mi. Jim Groh, (303)604-0024. (Trip#33371)

Saturday, September 2

Third Flatiron II Climb
East Face  5.2
This classic climb is possibly the best of its 5.2 grade in the country. Moderate hike in, eight pitches up, and three rappels down. BMS or equivalent required. Early start. Limit 5 total. Jill Yarger, (303)541-9481. (Trip#33401)

Tuesday, September 5

Hiking I School  Lecture
Teaches basic wilderness survival.
Concerned about what to do if you have to spend an unplanned night in the outdoors? What are the ten essentials and why do we need them? This course covers trip planning, essential equipment, and wilderness survival techniques including fire and shelter. Lectures 9/5 and 9/7. Field trip 9/9 or 9/10. Phillip Congdon, (303)926-1408. (Trip#33452)

Wednesday, September 6

Afterwork Social Hike  Easy 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 Boulder CMC Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Boulder/Eldorado Springs. 4/800’. 5 mi. Steven Haymes, (303)444-4765. Thursday, September 7

Hiking I School  Lecture
Lecture
Second Hiking I lecture. See Listing on 9/5/2006 for details. Phillip Congdon, (303)926-1408. (Trip#33453)

Saturday, September 9

Flattop Mtn 12,324’  Moderate C
Knobtop Mtn 12,331’  Moderate C
Gabletop Mtn. 11,939’
Start at Bear Lake and hike up Flattop Mtn trail to Flattop Mtn. Hike across country to Knobtop then Gabletop. Scramble down Tourmaline Gorge past Tourmaline Lake to Odessa Lake and then hike back to Bear Lake on Fern Lake trail. McHenrys Pk. 12/4,056’. 50 mi. Phillip Congdon, (303)926-1408. (Trip#33429)

Hiking I Field Trip
Field Trip
Field trip for Hiking I. See Listing on 9/5 for details. Phillip Congdon, (303)926-1408. (Trip#33454)

Sunday, September 10

Hiking I Field Trip
Field Trip
Field trip for Hiking I. See Listing on 9/5 for details. Phillip Congdon, (303)926-1408. (Trip#33463)

Tuesday, September 12

Basic Rock School  Lecture
Lecture
Basic Rock School is an introduction to rock climbing basics and safety techniques. Well suited for newcomers to rock climbing or for those with some experience that want to review and update best safety practices. You will learn about equipment & knots, belaying, multi-pitch climbing, communication, rappelling, basic self-rescue, and emergency situations. Lectures on 9/12 and 9/19. Field trips, either Sat. or Sun. on 9/23-24, 9/30-10/1, 10/7-8. Steve Poulsen, (303)258-7552. (Trip#33455)

Wednesday, September 13

Afterwork Social Hike  Easy 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 Boulder CMC Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Boulder/Eldorado Springs. 4/800’. 5 mi. Natalie Mack, (303)543-8305. (Trip#33358)

Wednesday, September 17

Sky Pond 10,880’  Moderate B
Three alpine lakes and two waterfalls made this trail a photographers delight. Start at Glacier Gorge Junction, skirt Alberta Falls, pass Timberline Falls and Glass Lake and finally reach Sky Pond with Taylor Glacier in the background. Check with leader for meeting time/place. McHenrys Pk. 9/1,700’. 100 mi. Louie Genduso, (303)518-8948. Tuesday, September 19

Basic Rock School  Lecture
Lecture
Lecture for Basic Rock School. See Listing on 9/12/2006 for details. Steve Poulsen, (303)258-7552. (Trip#33456)

Wednesday, September 20

Afterwork Social Hike  Easy 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 Boulder CMC Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Boulder/Eldorado Springs. 4/800’. 5 mi. Natalie Mack, (303)543-8305. (Trip#33358)
**September 2006 Trips**

**Friday, September 22**

Organ Pipes II Climb
Twin Owls 5.7
Lumpy Ridge

This fantastic piece of rock needs to be climbed! We’ll tackle the 2 pitch Organ Pipes route, traverse the Roosting Ramp and summit via the classic two pitch 5.5 Pin Route. But it’s not over – you still have to make it down the Bowels of the Owls. 970-481-1048. gsch@frii.net. Gary Schmidt, (970)613-0396. (Trip#33411)

**Saturday, September 23**

Torreys Pk. 14,267’ Class C-E
Kelso Ridge Scrambling

Approach this peak from Stevens Gulch on an old mining road and then on a trail to the base of Kelso Ridge. Climb this exposed ridge to the summit. Grays Pk. 7/3,300’. 140 mi. Tom Wilson, (303)247-1450. (Trip#33432)

Basic Rock School Field Trip
Field Trip
Field trip for Basic Rock School on either Sat. or Sun. See Listing on 9/12/2006 for details. Steve Poulsen, (303)258-7552. (Trip#33457)

**Sunday, September 24**

Dowdy Draw Loop Difficult A

Ascend the Dowdy Draw and Green Belt Plateau Trails. This loop commands fine views of the foothills and Front Range. Return by Community Ditch Trail. Eldorado Springs/Louisville. 7/500’. 40 mi. Steven Haymes, (303)444-4765. (Trip#33333)

Lookout Mountain Loop Moderate B

Follow a mix of trails and go cross-country on this loop around and up to the summit of Lookout Mountain in RMNP. Views of Mount Meeker, Twin Sisters, Wild Basin and several aspen groves. Please do not bring any GPS’s or other electronic navigation gadgets. Optional after-hike dinner in Lyons. Register with the leader between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. only. Allens Park. 8/2,000’. 40 mi. Steven Haymes, (303)444-4765. (Trip#33333)

Sky Pond 10,880’ Moderate B
On Trail

From Glacier Gorge Junction in RMNP, hike up Loch Vale past Timberline Falls and Lake of Glass through wild, rugged country to Sky Pond. McHenry’s Pk. 9/1700’. 90 mi. Natalie Mack, (303)543-8305. (Trip#33350)

Basic Rock School Field Trip
Field Trip
Field trip for Basic Rock School on either Sat. or Sun. See Listing on 9/12/2006 for details. Steve Poulsen, (303)258-7552. (Trip#33465)

Supremacy Rock Top Roping
Toproping
Eldorado Canyon

Enjoy the varied climbing from 5.6 - 5.10 on this supreme slab right on the road in Eldorado Canyon. Tom Walker, (303)666-7199. (Trip#33397)

**Wednesday, September 27**

Afterwork Social Hike Easy A

Enjoy a relaxing 1-2 hour hike. Don’t call; just show up at 6:00 p.m. at the Boulder CMC Club Room (around the left corner from Neptune Mountaineering and above Video Update in the Table Mesa Shopping Center). Boulder/Eldorado Springs. 4/800’. 5 mi. Gail Blandford, (303)604-0024.

**Saturday, September 30**

Basic Rock School Field Trip
Field Trip
Field trip for Basic Rock School on either Sat. or Sun. See Listing on 9/12/2006 for details. Steve Poulsen, (303)258-7552. (Trip#33458)

**Cabin Party, continued from page 2**

ard. Please bring: work boots/shoes, work gloves, your lunch, chain saw if you own one, overnight stuff if you’re planning to stay. For Brainard: For carpooling at 8:00, meet in the parking lot of the County M.H. Center, in the N.E. corner of at North Broadway and Iris Avenue OR Meet at the Cabin any time during the day. For Årestua:. Meet at the Rollinsville Store at 8:00am. Any questions: Call Otto Verdoner, 303-443-9883, or e-mail to ottov(at)csd.net.

**Action Photo of the Month:**


**This Years’ Subscription Winner:**

Keith Anderson

Each year the BCMC gives away one free subscription. This year’s prize was won by Keith Anderson at a raffle at the Banff Film Festival, March 1, 2006, (overseen by Phil Congdon, head of the Hiking School), shown here with his 3 year old son, Kai, on Dec 26, 2005. Keith and his wife are Canadians here until 2007. He took BMS this year and plans on participating in many other CMC courses and trips. Welcome Keith and family!
As you may know, a classic first step in the strategic planning process is to revisit the mission statement of an organization. Our present statement has served as a useful guiding tool for decades. However, as we launch our planning effort, it is appropriate to ask ourselves, “In today’s world, does it fully and accurately present our current purpose and mission?”

The Colorado Mountain Club is organized to:

► Unite the energy, interest, and knowledge of the students and lovers of the mountains of Colorado;
► Collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains in behalf of science, literature, art and recreation;
► Stimulate public interest in our mountain areas;
► Encourage the preservation of forest, flowers, fauna and natural scenery; and
► Render readily accessible the alpine attractions of this region.

Please reflect upon our mission statement. Does it still represent a summary of the purpose of CMC? Please affirm your support for the existing statement or let us know if you think it needs to be revised. Please communicate your opinion via email. We do need responses by October 1st, 2006 so we may begin the strategic planning process concurrent with the CMC fiscal year. Each Group Council received this letter prior to publication with a request to help ascertain the membership desire for possible revision. Look for initial results in an early 2007 Trail and Timberline publication. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Janice Heidel, CMC President
send response to: president [at] cmc.org

[Editor’s Note: see April Compass (online) for the report on the BCMC Council retreat on just these issues. --Rick]