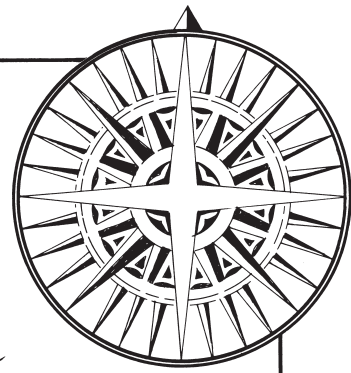




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Note from the Editor

First off, I want to follow up last month's topic about emailing of the Compass, which I'll call e-Compass. Please rest assured that this will be a voluntary option; everyone who wants to receive the printed copy will continue to receive it. But the Council believes there could be enough members willing to receive the e-Compass to produce a significant cost savings for the Club; at least, we believe it's worth a try.

In reality, we do not know how many such members there are. In order to

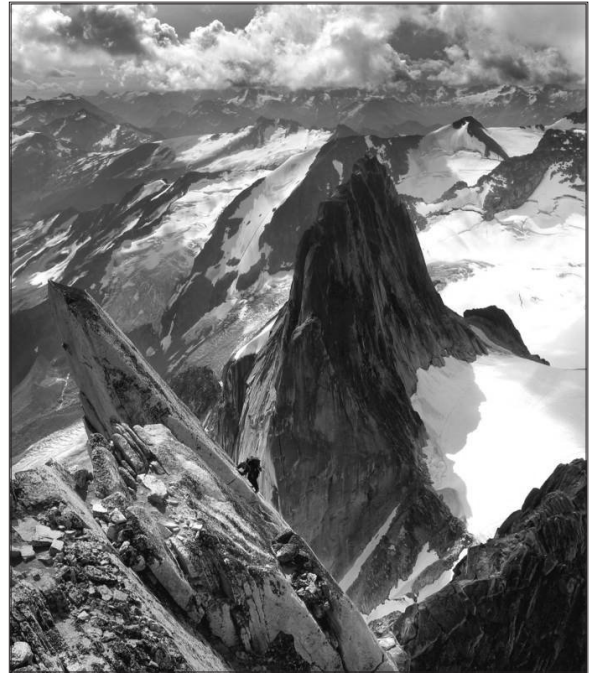
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Rock Leading School Applications Open

The annual Boulder group CMC Rock Leading School is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, June 6, 2007. The course will train prospective leaders in safe and efficient techniques of lead climbing on 5th class rock. Participants will learn the use of natural and artificial protection, construction of various types of climbing anchors, and practice single-pitch and multi-pitch leading techniques.

The course consists of an evening lecture session on Wednesday, June 6th, and three Saturday field trips on Saturdays June 16th, 23rd and 30th. Class participants must be current CMC members, able to follow moderately difficult rock climbs (at least 5.6), able to attend the lecture and all field trip sessions, and have attended BRS (Basic Rock School). Prior rock leading experience is not necessary and BRS skills equivalent course will be considered.

The cost of the course is \$70. Preference will be given to Boulder Rock School assistant instructors and CMC rock climb co-leaders. For applications and additional information, stop by the CMC Clubroom at Table Mesa Shopping Center, 633 South Broadway, Unit N, Boulder, CO 80305, phone the clubroom at (303) 554-7688, or contact the school's director, Clint Locks, at [rockleadschool \[at\] comcast.net](mailto:rockleadschool[at]comcast.net).



Dave Champion on Kain Route, The Gendarme, with Snowpatch in background, Bugaboos Range, July 2006

Bugaboos Slide Show

Join Dave Champion at the Foss Auditorium, American Mountaineering Center, April 18, 2007, 7:00 pm, for a presentation and slide show. The Bugaboos, in southeast British Columbia, are a mystical place of pristine glacial wilderness, wild electrical storms, and towering granite spires that play host to some of the world's most coveted alpine rock climbs. Dave and his five companions traveled to the Bugaboos for a week in July, 2006, during which he completed four alpine routes and stood on the summit of three of the Bugaboos' principal spires: Pigeon, Snowpatch and Bugaboo. In only his fifth season of climbing Dave proves that, appearances notwithstanding-

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Report from Conservation Committee

The Conservation and Trails Committee received and reviewed grant requests from Colorado Fourteeners Initiative and Wildlands Restoration Volunteers. We are pleased to have approved grant funds toward each of these group's projects and encourage CMC members to participate in these restoration and preservation projects. The projects will be listed in future issues of the Compass and include June 23 National Trails Day on Grey's and Torrey's Peaks by CFI and July 26 - 29 at Brainard Lake area plus August 9-10 at Lake Isabelle by WRV. Each of these groups has made significant progress toward conservation, upgraded usable trails, and organized dozens of projects over the years. We are proud to be able to support their amazing work. □



OSMP Begins Off-Trail Permit Program

The city of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Department began requiring off-trail permits on March 12 for people who walk off-trail through Habitat Conservation Areas (HCAs) in the Western Mountain Parks, the Southern Grasslands and the Lower Boulder Creek. Maps of these HCAs and applications for permits can be found at www.osmppermits.org or <http://www.findmymap.org>. Visitors who remain on designated trails in HCAs do not need a permit. Designated trails have been marked with signs that include a trail name.

HCAs are designated because of their exceptional resource value. They provide homes to some of Boulder's rarest and most sensitive plants and animals. The Off-Trail Permit Program was developed as part of the OSMP Visitor Master Plan and is designed to help minimize impacts to natural and cultural resources. OSMP plans to designate more HCAs in the system as more planning processes are completed. For information visit www.osmp.org/ or call 303-441-3440. □

Thanks from Wildlands Restoration Volunteers

I would like to thank the Boulder Group for its generous support of Wildlands Restoration Volunteers (WRV) over the past seven years. After seven years, we have completed 109 ecological restoration and trail projects involving over 2500 volunteers that contributed over 75,000 volunteer hours toward the stewardship and restoration of local public lands. The funds received from the CMC in 2006 were put to good use. We completed much needed trail reroutes below Lake Isabelle and along the Forest Lakes trail, below Arapaho Lakes. We also performed trail maintenance along the Little Raven and Waldrop trails with a youth group from the Cultiva program. CMC funds also helped us train over 50 new volunteer leaders to lead our crews and projects. Finally, we are grateful to the Boulder CMC for allowing our volunteers to stay at the Brainard CMC cabin during our projects. We have more great projects planned for 2007 and hope you will join us on an outing. We'll do trail maintenance along the Niwot Cut-off and Waldrop trails (July 27-29). We will return for the fourth year for trail work below Lake Isabelle (Aug 9-10). And, we'll complete a multi-day project to complete the new trail link to Crater Lakes (Aug 23-26). These are just three of the 20+ projects WRV has planned in 2007. Our full schedule is available at www.wlrv.org. See you out on the trail!

-- contributed by Ed Self,
Director, WRV

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find out, we have set up a way for you to tell us (assuming you have Internet access). If you are willing to receive the e-Compass, you can let us know via the website. Go to Compass → e-Compass. This will take you to a page where you can subscribe to an email list. Subscribing to the email list is for informational purposes only at this point, to allow us to estimate how many members would like to use this option to help save costs and resources. It may interest you to know that the Denver and Pikes Peak Groups implemented an e-mail options for their group newsletters in the past year as

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Clubroom Scheduler Needed

The Club has need of someone willing to help schedule events in the clubroom. This will mostly consist of posting events to the online calendar on our website, so could mostly be handled from home. It will involve coordinating with the Clubroom volunteer to make sure the paper calendar there is kept in synch with the online version. This role will have the added privilege of assisting parties that may wish to rent the meeting room, which occurs just a few times a year. If you can help, please contact Sheila at 303-554-7688 or [bcmc\[at\]cmcboulder.org](mailto:bcmc[at]cmcboulder.org). □

Lost & Found

A grey cotton hoodie was left in the Clubroom a couple of weeks ago; perhaps it's yours? If so, contact the Clubroom. □

Mailing Party: Thursday, April 19

Come to the Clubroom and help mail out the May 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, April 19, 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, especially from recent CMC trips and events.

Deadline for May issue: April 6

Freeheelers' Spring Party!

Join the CMC for the Fourth Annual Freeheelers' Spring Party at the Loveland Ski Area on Saturday, April 7. We'll have a barbeque at the Ptarmigan Roost cabin, located next to the top of Chair #2. Bring your appetite and \$6 for burgers, dogs, veggie burgs, salad, beer, and soda (exact change appreciated). Food will be served from 11:30 until 1:00.

This event is open to all CMC members and the general public. Please RSVP by Thursday, April 5 so we know how much food to bring. We'll also need volunteers to help with hauling food and supplies up the chair lift, as well as with cooking and setup. To RSVP or for more information, go to <http://cmc.org/freeheel> or contact Mike Miller at 303-279-8152 or e-mail [miller866 \[at\] comcast.net](mailto:miller866[at]comcast.net). □



Advanced Crevasse Rescue Seminar

It's that time of year again! Brush up on your glacier travel skills before heading into crevasse territory. The ACRS Seminar includes one evening of lecture and review with instructors and a detailed workbook at the CMC clubhouse - Monday, April 30th, 2007 and one field day - Saturday, May 5th, 2007. We'll simulate crevasse conditions by hanging multiple victims over a cornice on top of the West side of Loveland Pass — lots of hands on practice and great fun!

Cost of the seminar is \$35.00 for Denver Group members and \$45 for Non-Denver CMC members. You must be a HAMS graduate or have comparable experience. While this course is not an introduction to crevasse rescue it is intended to be a detailed and complete hands-on review of glacier travel and crevasse rescue. To apply / register - please call the CMC Denver clubhouse at 303-279-3080. Deadline is Wednesday, April 18th. If you have questions, comments or concerns call Vern Bass at 303-458-5250 or e-mail at [4efs \[at\] eazy.net](mailto:4efs[at]eazy.net). □

Summer Youth Program Opens

Are you looking for something fun for your child to do this summer? Join the CMC Youth Education Program for rock climbing, hiking and outdoor adventures. Multi-day camps run Monday - Friday, 8:30 am.- 3:30 pm. based at the AMC in Golden.

Introduction to Rock Climbing for ages 11-15: June 18-22 and July 9-13. Cost: \$275.

Intermediate Rock Climbing for ages 12-16: June 25-28 and July 16-20. Cost: \$275 & \$330.

Mountain Explorers' Hiking, Climbing and Survival Sampler for ages 9-12: July 30-August 3. Cost: \$200.

Saturday Adult/Child field events open to youth ages 7-10. Meet at the AMC at 8 a.m. and return by 3:30 p.m.

Mountain Exploration and Peak Hike: June 16. Cost: \$25/participant. Includes a field guide.

Outdoor Rock Climbing: July 28. Cost: \$30/participant.

Mother/Daughter Climbing for ages 11-16: August 18. Cost: \$40/participant.

REGISTER TODAY at www.cmc.org
For more information contact Krista Javoronok at [javork \[at\] cmc.org](mailto:javork[at]cmc.org) or check out www.cmc.org/yep. □

Spring Equipment Sale

The Spring Equipment Sale will be on Friday, April 20, 6-8 pm at the AMC in the conference room on the ground floor.

SELLERS:

For each item you are selling, attach an envelope on which is printed your NAME, ITEM, SELLING PRICE, WHETHER YOU WILL ACCEPT A CHECK; attach envelope to item. All items must be tagged before bringing them to the sale. Bring your items to the AMC on Thursday, April 19, 4-7:00 pm or on Friday, April 20, after 9:00 am and no later than 5:30pm.

Any outdoor gear is appropriate for the sale, technical clothing only, no street clothes. Also no older model straight downhill skis. All monies go directly to sellers. If you want to donate the sale of your item(s) to the CMC, please note "CMC" on the envelope; checks to be made payable to CMC. CMC is not liable for lost/stolen sale items. □



The Morning After - Jean Aschenbrenner snuggled in her Sierra Design's 0 degree bag after summiting Mt. Wilson with Ken Nolan on Jan. 25. She won the bag in the drawing for Trip Leaders at the annual dinner. Thank you to Sierra Designs who contributed the bag and to Phil Congdon who organized the contributions!!! You too could win something if you lead a trip! — *contributed by Jean Aschenbrenner*

April 2007 Trips

Tuesday, April 3

Hiking 1 Lecture
Wilderness Survival
Lecture #2

Concerned about what to do if you have to spend the 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: Tuesdays 3/27 & 4/3 Field trip: 4/7-8 weekend (either sat or sun) Sign-ups begin at the 2/27 BMS Spring/Summer Schools Overview and Signup. Meet at CMC Boulder Group Club Room 6:30 pm. Phillip Congdon, (303) 926-1408. (Trip#37224)

Wednesday, April 4

After Work Social Hike Class 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 pm at the 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. (Trip#35859)

Thursday, April 5

West Face I Climb
Whales Tail 5.2
Eldorado Canyon
Enjoy a 5.2 crack system amid views of the Bastille, Redgarden Wall, and Wind Tower, easily accessed in Eldorado Canyon. 303-903-4517 (c) 303-665-0888 (h) . Bruce Immele, (303) 903-4517. (Trip#35882)

Saturday, April 7

Front Range Powder Stash Adv. II Ski Tour
Telemark
The leader will choose from one of several Front Range powder pockets. Must like trees! Climbing skins and good tele/downhill skills required. Avalanche gear encouraged. Call leader only between 9 am and 9 pm. 8/2,500«. 130 mi. Register with leader. Steven Haymes, (303) 444-4765. (Trip#35826)

Saturday-Sunday April 7-April 8

Hiking 1 Field Trip
Wilderness Survival
Field Trip

Concerned about what to do if you have to spend the 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: Tuesdays 3/27 & 4/3 Field trip: 4/7-8 weekend (either sat or sun) Sign-ups begin at the 2/27 BMS Spring/Summer Schools Overview and Signup. Phillip Congdon, (303) 926-1408. (Trip#37223)

AT/Ski Mountaineering School
Adv. I Ski Tour
Field Trip 2
A 1-day ski tour and field instruction. Tentative location: Vail/Uneva Pass. Topics: uphill and downhill backcountry ski techniques. Cynthia L Gagnon, (303) 938-8564. (Trip#35933)

Tuesday, April 10

Basic Rock School Lecture
Lecture #1
Basic Rock School is an introduction to rock climbing basics & 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. School consists of 2 lectures (4/10 & 4/17) and 3 field trips (4/21-22, 4/28-29, & 5/5-6 weekends (either sat or sun). Sign-ups begin at the 2/27 BMS Spring/Summer Schools Overview and Signup. Meet at CMC Boulder Group Club Room 6:30 pm. Steve Poulsen, (303) 258-7552. (Trip#37216)

Wednesday, April 11

After Work Social Hike Class 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 pm at the 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. Marilyn Fellows, (303) 499-6099. (Trip#35860)

Friday, April 13

Watermark Top Roping
Boulder Canyon 5.7
Do a fun Tyrolean crossing of Boulder Creek and then enjoy some nice top roping on these sport climbs. 5.7-5.10. gsch [at] frii.net, 970-481-1048. Gary Schmidt, (970) 481-1048. (Trip#35890)

Sunday, April 15

Dowdy Draw LOOP Class A
Hike the Dowdy Draw and Green Belt Plateau trails, See views of the foothills and the Front Range. Return via Community Ditch Trail. Eldorado Springs quad. Don Kava 3-494-2632. 7/600«. Donald Kava, (303) 494-2632. (Trip#35891)

Gem Lake Moderate A
Starting from Gem Lake trailhead, snowshoe on trail 2 miles to small lake. Trail has good view of RMNP high peaks. Estes Park. 4/1,000«. 150 mi. Louie Genduso, (303) 518-8948. (Trip#35874)

The Spy I Climb
Flatirons 5.4
Climb this distinctive fin by the First Flatiron in 3 pitches. The top is only 10 feet wide. Jump off and hike down. 303-903-4517 (c) 303-665-0888 (h) . Bruce Immele, (303) 903-4517. (Trip#35883)

Tuesday, April 17

Basic Rock School Lecture
Lecture #2
Basic Rock School is an introduction to rock climbing basics & 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. Meet at CMC Boulder Group Club Room 6:30 pm. Steve Poulsen, (303) 258-7552.

April 2007 Trips

(Trip#37217)

Wednesday, April 18

After Work Social Hike Class 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 pm at the 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. Marilyn Fellows, (303) 499-6099. (Trip#35861)

Saturday, April 21

Saturday Social for Spirit & Sweat
Moderate A

The Saturday Social is a half-day hike with a social spirit and a sweaty end. We then try to warm up over some coffee or lunch. We meet at the Boulder CMC clubroom. Please arrive at 9:00 a.m. and help decide our destination. Come prepared to hike in any weather. Register with leader. Marilyn Fellows, (303) 499-6099. (Trip#35868)

Saturday-Sunday April 21-April 22

Basic Rock School Field Trip
Basic Rock Field Trip
For registered student of BRS. Students will practice knots, belaying, self-rescue and basic rock climbing techniques. Each student will attend only on their pre-determined day. Steve Poulsen, (303) 258-7552. (Trip#37214)

AT/Ski Mountaineering School

Adv. I Ski Tour

Field Trip 3

A 1-day ski tour and field instruction. Tentative location: Citadel and Hagar Pks. Topics: route finding and avalanche risk minimization. Cynthia L Gagnon, (303) 938-8564. (Trip#35938)

Sunday, April 22

Silver Plume Mtn 12477 Moderate C
From the bakery in Silver Plume, hike the jeep trail to Brown Gulch. Climb steeply up Brown Gulch and NW to summit. Snowshoes and wind gear required. Georgetown. 8/3,300«. Seth W Allen,

(303) 554-5546. (Trip#35941)

Wednesday, April 25

After Work Social Hike Class 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 pm at the 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. Diana Dear, (303) 494-9493. (Trip#35862)

Thursday, April 26

Breezy I Climb
Wind Tower 5.5

Eldorado Canyon

Breeze up mixed, crack, and face pitches on this Eldorado classic, amid climber's-eye views of the Bastille and Redgarden Wall. 303-903-4517 (c) 303-665-0888 (h) . 0/0«. 0 mi. Bruce Immele, (303) 903-4517. (Trip#35884)

Saturday-Sunday April 28-April 29

BMS Basic Rock Field Trip
Field Trip

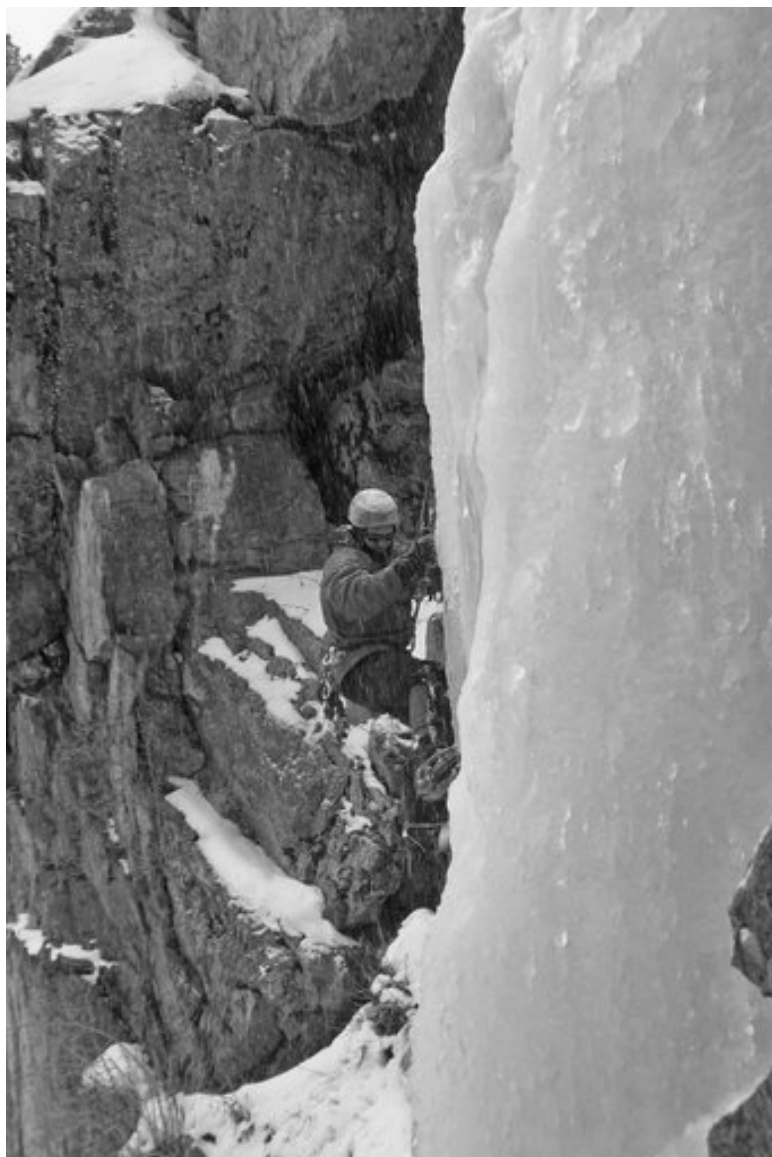
Multi Pitch Climb

For registered BRS students only. Participants will practice practice belaying and participate in a multi-pitch climb. Steve Poulsen, (303) 258-7552. (Trip#37215)

Action Photo of the Month

This shot shows Tom Walker ice climbing at Rollinsville East Portal this past winter. Tom relates that attendance at ice climbing trips has fallen off in the past few years. So we plan on posting another of his ice climbing shots next fall to boost enthusiasm for these trips in the Club next season. I myself can testify that ice climbing gear has improved dramatically over the years, making it a safer and more comfortable sport.

--Rick Casey,
Editor



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Copper Canyon Hiking Trip

When: October 14-24, 2007
Cost: \$1,754 plus air

Copper Canyon, deep in the heart of the Sierra Madre in Mexico has historical roots deeply interwoven with its Native American and Mexican cultures. The canyon is inhabited by a scattering of Tarahumara Indians, prospectors and Mexican ranch families. We will have interaction with some of them. The canyon, deeper and larger than the Grand Canyon, was isolated from the outside world for centuries and is reachable now only by foot, a few narrow roads and a single cliff hanging railroad. We will meet in El Paso, Texas, take a van to the trailhead and spend time in the canyon after a two day descent, resting, hiking and eating mouth watering meals prepared by the guides. On this camping trip we carry a day pack while a burro carries the heavy items. After coming out of the canyon we will have the option to take the train, considered one of the most spectacular train rides in the Americas, to Los Mochis where we will spend the night before flying back. Participants

need to be strong B Hikers and be able to descend/ascend 6,000 feet in 2 continuous days. For more information contact Betsy Weitkamp at coloradobetsy [at] yahoo.com or 303-722-1656. □

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well.

Secondly, the Council has authorized a project to verify the accuracy of our membership data, primarily name, address and expiration date of membership. You can help by verifying your own personal data on the state website, cmc.org. Log in with your membership number, go to 'Personal Data', and check that your address and expiration date are correct. This will help our effort.

Finally, I would like to make you aware of a feature of the website you may find useful. Did you know you can receive automated notifications of events posted on the online Calendar? Not all events have

notifications associated with them, but for those that do, you can elect to be notified. This is done by going to the online Calendar (from the home page, select Group, then Calendar). This will take you to the online Calendar; above the calendar there is a line that begins "You can receive notifications ..." and has a link for "events mailing list". This will take you to a page where you can register your email address, or unsubscribe.

Suggestions for the website are always encouraged. Please send email to web-

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ing, the Bugaboos is accessible to climbers of all abilities who share a passion for the alpine wilderness. For more information, see www.cmc.org. □

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