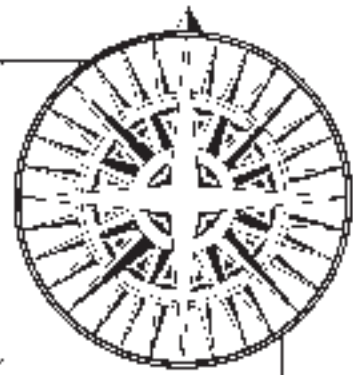




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Rescue on El Diente

-- Contributed by Jean Aschenbrenner

On Sunday, July 17, Ken Nolan and I were on the Kilpacker Basin trail to climb Mt. Wilson when we encountered a seriously injured climber at 12,300'. This is the story of his misfortune and then his incredibly lucky rescue.

Joe's story: Joe lives in Mesa, Arizona. He had been working lots of overtime and needed a mountain fix. He had previously run a couple of marathons and climbed a

handful of easy 14ers. His goal this time was El Diente. He left Mesa after work on Friday and drove straight through to the Kilpacker trailhead where he slept for a couple of hours. At 9:30am on Saturday, he left the trailhead. The trail hits tree line after about 4 miles, then crosses a long, long talus slope on the south side of El Diente. This trail through Kilpacker Basin is used for both Mt. Wilson and El Diente.

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Editor's Note

Jean Aschenbrenner, a longtime Boulder group member, shares her story of a recent rescue that happened just a few months ago while on her way to a climb on Mt. Wilson. Thanks to Jean and her partner's vigilance and skills, they were instrumental in helping rescue an injured hiker.

A date has been announced for the Annual Dinner; and although we have a Dinner Coordinator, we still need lots of help planning the event. For this and other volunteer opportunities, check out page 2.

— Donna Marino
Compass Editor



Arrow marking rescue location

Chair's Report

Seems impossible that August is nearly to a close! Hopefully summer's been filled with many safe and memorable CMC and personal trips and backcountry outings for our members. While I'm not ready to admit it, I'm already starting to get what I refer to as "fall feelings" and I've even begun to see leaves falling. Guess this shouldn't surprise me since we've had our end-of-summer Instructor, Trip Leader and Volunteer parties and we've also already begun the BMS Fall Schools for the season. Through all these activities, it's always wonderful to see how many people turn out and I'm reminded what a valuable organization CMC is.

Not only has the fall crept up on us, but we're already working on planning the Annual Meeting and Dinner which is Saturday, November 5. I'm very excited and grateful that Monica DeWitt will be serving as our Annual Dinner Coordinator this year. Please be sure to read the "Annual Dinner Call for Volunteers" notice in this issue and join in the planning if you're able. The Annual Dinner is one of my favorite events of the year in helping plan it is a great way to get to know people.

Additionally, our Council's Nominating Committee is hard at work recruiting nominees for Council positions which need to be filled for next year. I greatly encourage anyone who is asked to be a nominee to agree to join our Council. We all know it's a lot of work volunteering, but it's been one of the greatest learning experiences and rewarding experiences of my life. Anyone who's interested in being part of the Council please don't hesitate to contact me and I'll give your name to the Nominating Committee.

Meanwhile, as many know, the summer has held few and far between opportunities for outdoor adventure for me, due to health issues with my parents. I'm extremely grateful to everyone who has been there for me, both to provide emotional support, and also help with CMC duties that needed to be filled. With a sigh of relief I report that both my parents seem to be doing much better and I am eagerly looking forward to the re-scheduled Backpacking School field trip the weekend of September 16th-18th.

Okay I guess that makes it more of a fall school, but not officially. The Autumnal Equinox is not until September 23 so until then long live summer!

Respectfully submitted,
— Janine Fugere, Boulder Chair

Volunteer Opportunities

Clubroom Hosts Urgently Needed

The clubroom is hosted by volunteers three evenings per week from 5 to 7 pm.

We need two new hosts to complete our roster. This involves one evening every four weeks. This is a great and easy way to help support the Group.

To find out more contact Sheila at 303-447-2780.

Looking for a Hiking School Director

A new Hiking School Director is needed for the Boulder Mountaineering Schools. The Hiking School covers Hiking & Survival Essentials, Hiking Navigation, Backpacking School, & GPS Navigation. The Hiking School Director works with the BMS Director to set dates for the schools, coordinates instructors & assistants for the lectures, and coordinates Trip Leaders & assistants for the Field Trips. An extensive support system of volunteers for these positions is in place. The Fall 2011 schools have all been planned and scheduled and have just begun. Ideally, now is the perfect time for a new Director to step into the role to observe the Fall Schools, and then later receive guidance and training from past Hiking School Directors and long-standing volunteers to plan the Spring/Summer 2012 Schools. If you, or anyone you know is interested, please contact Janine Fugere at chair@cmcboulder.org or Brenda Leach at bms@cmcboulder.org.

Annual Dinner Call for Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help organize and staff the Boulder Group Annual Dinner on Saturday, November 5, from 5-9:30 pm. Huge thanks to Monica DeWitt for stepping up as the Annual Dinner Coordinator. Contact Monica at mdewitt267@yahoo.com if you can help.

YEP Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the following dates/times to help with belaying youth groups. Contact Ryan Johns at RyanJohns@cmc.org.

- September 13th and 14th (at REI, downtown Denver) from 9am-3pm
- Tuesday, September 20th from 9:15-1:15. Six volunteers needed.
- October 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th: six volunteers needed at the climbing wall from 9am – 2pm (times are approximate and will be firmed up later)
- October 17th: one volunteer needed from 3:30-5:00 pm.

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September 2011 Trips & Activities

Editor's note: The following is a list of BCMC trips and events for the month. It is possible that trips may change or be posted after this issue goes to press. Please check online for current trip status, to see club trip policies, or to learn about becoming a trip leader: cmcboulder.org/Trips.

To view trips online and register:

- ▶ Browse to www.cmc.org
- ▶ Login with your CMC member number and password. For first time users, the default password is your ZIP code.
- ▶ Click on 'Trip Signup' in left margin
- ▶ Enter trip selection parameters (CMC group, date range, etc) & click Search
- ▶ To register, click Register
- ▶ For Boulder trips, you must contact the leader by phone (preferred) or email; for Denver trips, you may register online.
- ▶ Schools require previous signup. Info at www.cmcboulder.org

Wednesday, September 7

After Work Social Hike

A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don't call -- just show up before 6 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room. Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Leader: Steven Haymes

Saturday, September 10

Twin Owls - Organ Pipes

Level II Climb, Difficulty: 5.7

Summit this imposing feature on Lumpy Ridge! We will start with the two pitch Organ Pipe route (5.7 variation) traverse the Roosting Ramp and then summit via the two pitch Pin Route to the summit. But wait you're still not done. You have to make it down the Bowels of the Owls! Leader: Gary Schmidt. gsch@frii.net 970-481-1048.

Saturday, September 10

Torreys Peak 14,276' via Kelso Ridge, Difficult D-E. Prerequisite: Basic Rock School or equivalent experience

Get an early start in Steven's Gulch then climb to Kelso Ridge. Follow the ridge to the summit. Descend via Grays & Torreys trail. Be prepared for adverse conditions. Mostly 3rd or 4th class, but climbing gear required (see mountain-project.com for description). Leader: Rick Casey, caseyrick@gmail.com.

Sunday, September 11

James Peak 13,294', Moderate C-LIT
Pace: Moderate, Difficulty: Off Trail
"James Peak offers stunning alpine scenery and glacial goodness." - J.Dziezynski
Start from St. Mary's trailhead and hike around St. Mary's Lake and Glacier and follow east ridge to summit. Contact leader via email to sign up.
Leader: Clare E Reda, fightgravity4evr@yahoo.com

Monday, September 12

Diamond Lake 10,920' and above
Moderate B, Casual, On Trail
From 4th July Trailhead NW of Eldora, hike along N side of large valley with great views, descend to cross North Fork Middle Boulder Creek at waterfall, then up the south side of the valley to the lake. Trees open up and flowers abound up along the inlet stream on a social trail to a tiny unnamed lake. Leader: Caryl Shields.

Wednesday, September 14

After Work Social Hike, Moderate A
A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2-3 hour hike close to Boulder. Meet at Boulder Group Club Room before 6 pm. Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Leader: Marilyn Fellows

Saturday, September 17

Work Party, Årestua Cabin Annual wood cutting, repair, and cleanup. Help get our Guinn Mountain cabin ready for the winter. Projects include cutting wood, hauling, splitting, and stacking; cleaning inside of cabin; and some small repairs. Bring work boots/shoes, work gloves, your lunch, and chainsaw, if you own one. Sign-up is not necessary, but is appreciated. Be prepared for hot and dry and/or wet and cold. Meet at the hut or at the Rollinsville General Store at 8:00am to carpool up to Yankee Doodle lake. Contact Mark Buchanan at (303) 717-1187, or arestuahut@yahoo.com. Leader: Steve Priem, s.priem@yahoo.com

Sunday, September 18

Lookout Mountain Loop, Moderate B-LIT, Difficulty: Off Trail
Follow a mix of trails and cross-country

on this loop around and up to the summit of Lookout Mountain in RMNP. Views of Mt. Meeker, Twin Sisters, Wild Basin and several aspen groves. Optional after hike dinner in Lyons. Leader: Steven Haymes. Register BY PHONE between 9 AM and 9 PM only. 303-444-4765

Wednesday, September 21

After Work Social Hike

Meet at Boulder clubroom 5:45-6:00pm, departing in carpools by 6:15pm for a social hike along one of the local Boulder foothills trails. This outing is meant for casual hikers who enjoy each others' company, talking along the trail, and sharing snacks along the way. Destination to be selected by leader on the evening of the hike.

Leader: Gary Johnston, geeride7@gmail.com

Wednesday, September 21

Boulder CMC Open House
7-8 pm

At the clubroom, around the corner from Neptune Mountaineering, Table Mesa Inviting new and prospective CMC members to learn more about the club and its many classes, trips, and activities. Experienced members will be on hand to share their enthusiasm and knowledge about hiking, camping, peak bagging, rock climbing, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing, and more. Bring a friend!

Saturday, September 24

Brainard Cabin Annual Work Party
Come for all or part of the day to help haul pre-split wood, cut, split & stack trees into firewood, clean the inside of the cabin, and make minor repairs. Bring work boots/shoes, work gloves, and your lunch. Be prepared for hot and dry and/or wet and cold. Sign-up is not necessary, but is appreciated. Meet at the cabin or car pool at 8am from the parking lot in the N.E. corner of Iris and Broadway in North Boulder. For more info, contact Jason Kintzel at (303) 776-1218, or cabins@cmcboulder.org.

Wednesday, September 28

After Work Social Hike

See description above for Wednesday, September 21 hike.

Leader: Karen L. Baldwin

To climb El Diente, one typically heads up the basin past the peak, and then works up and back across big blocks of rock to a gully, ascends the gully and crosses over onto the north side of the ridge on the way to the peak. That weekend, there was LOTS of snow so Joe continued up the valley further than normal, trying to avoid the snow. He did not have an axe, crampons or poles. His ascent took longer than he expected because of the snow and probably because the terrain was more difficult than he was accustomed to.

When he finally reached the summit, he decided it would take too long to go back the way he came and planned to descend more directly, starting down the West Ridge before dropping into a gully system. In my opinion, the slope is hellaciously steep and grungy. Years ago, Ken and I had studied that slope since we were looking for a way to climb the peak in winter. From the summit, it is about 1,800' down to the talus field below. Loose rock and cliff bands alternate. Near the bottom, a short vertical cliff lies just above a steep snow field. Joe was moving fast as he descended, trying to get as far as possible before dark. When he reached the lowest cliff, he fell and landed in water from melting snow. Lots of blood flowed from his broken leg and his many abrasions. Joe kept his wits. He got himself out of the water, cleaned the leg, and put on all the clothes that he had. Attempts to use his cell phone failed.

It was dark by now, so he waited out the night. Luckily, it was not very cold. With daylight, Joe tried splinting the leg with a rock since he had nothing else to use. But that made his leg too heavy to move, so he removed the splint. Remembering Joe Simpson of 'Touching the Void', he was determined to make his way back to the trailhead. He was just above the steep snow field, so he eased his way down facing inward, using a rock as an ice tool. Next came the interminable talus field. He slowly began crab-walking down. Then, at about 7:15, he spotted two hikers on the trail below him. Elation!! He yelled and waved his arm. They acknowledged him and waved back ... but continued up the trail.

Deflation! ... He continued inching his way down toward the trail.

Jean and Ken's Story: Meanwhile, that same weekend, Ken and I headed in to Kilpacker Basin, planning to climb El Diente on Saturday and Mt. Wilson on Sunday. We left the trailhead at 6:30, hiked two hours to treeline, and set up camp. Then we climbed El Diente. We encountered LOTS of snow higher up. We carefully crossed it using our ice axes and crampons. Then we made our way through the big rock blocks and gullies. I found the route to be very challenging but we were prepared with the proper gear, experience, patience and an early start. We were back at camp and asleep before dark.

The next morning, Sunday, we headed up the same trail at dawn, this time aiming for Mt. Wilson. About 7:20 we heard noises that sounded like crows – and then spotted a red jacket on the talus slopes above us. Strange?! That's an odd place for someone to be taking a break. He gave a friendly wave and we responded in kind. We yelled 'OK?' and I could vaguely hear the first word but then the rest of the sentence was incomprehensible. We debated what he was doing up there. Waiting for a friend? Waiting until the snow slope above him softened? It was a ridiculous slope to ascend, but we knew of others who had been up and down in winter. He didn't look distressed. He was not yelling 'HELP.' He was not wildly waving his arms. So we kept hiking.

The red jacket was initially above us. The trail diagonals up the talus slope, upward and away from the red jacket. About 10 minutes later, when we were at the same elevation as the jacket, I looked back and noted that it was inching its way down the talus field. TROUBLE!! We headed back across toward the jacket and yelled 'OK?' Again, a response that we could not understand.

The Rescue: It was immediately obvious that Joe was in bad enough shape that assisting him down was not a reasonable option. But, Lucky Joe!! Last March, Ken started carrying a SPOT. It's a personal locator beacon that has a button that transmits an emergency signal. It uses satellites and sends a GPS location.

The call is received by the International Emergency Response Coordination Center which notifies the local sheriff. In this case, a San Miguel County sheriff's deputy, who is also a paramedic, received the call at home. PROBLEM! He did not have an available helicopter. BUT JUST THEN – he heard a helicopter flying above!! Again, Lucky Joe! The deputy radioed the pilot who was headed to work at a power line project. The pilot got permission from his employer to use the chopper for the rescue and picked up the deputy in his back yard.

Meanwhile, at 12,300' on the side of El Diente, it was chilly and gusty with clouds lowering over the higher summits. Ken and I checked Joe's vitals, fed him cookies and water, kept him warm, listened to his story, and got info about people to contact. All this was easy since Joe was very lucid and not too cold. He was shivering and I kept asking if he was cold, but he said it was just the pain and cramps in his legs. We gave him Percocet and I sat close to him to block the wind and provide body heat. This seemed to reassure him.

Time passed and we thought about options. We considered moving Joe but decided we didn't have any better place to go. There was a flat place where a helicopter might land about 300' away at the same elevation but we could wait until the rescuers told us what to do. What if no helicopter came?? After a reasonable time of waiting, I could hike the four hours to the trailhead, drive and call 911 when I got cell phone coverage. Or maybe we could go get supplies from our camp – 2 hours below – and bring them back up. If we needed to move Joe, we could splint his leg with my poles and Ken's duct tape.

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Finally, after about an hour and forty-five minutes, we heard the whirr of a helicopter. YES!!! It was exploring the ridgeline high above us. Ken and I danced around and waved our arms. Joe waved his arms. The chopper nosed into our valley, flew up the basin beyond us, circled, swooped back past us fairly close – and then headed over to the ridge and disappeared. Disappointment!! Did they see us? I was sure they had seen us, but Ken and Joe thought maybe not. Agony of waiting!



The helicopter approaching

Fifteen minutes later the chopper returned. They had flown back to a place where they could contact the sheriff's office with the word that the emergency was real and that they would attempt a rescue. They were pleased to have seen us waving our arms since it was clear that they had ONE victim and he was alive. But the weather was a concern. "As we approached El Diente the winds were significant and clouds were billowing over the surrounding peaks and dropping down in to the valley ..." the pilot later reported.

Now the incredible skill of the pilot became evident. He did a toe-in hover on the steep talus slope about 100' from us. He pushed the front of the skids into the slope and kept the rotors spinning feet from the rocks while the paramedic/deputy got out. Then he flew over and landed on the nearby flat place. The paramedic checked out Joe. He kept looking at the clouds over the peaks and checking the wind, concerned that any delays might make the rescue impossible. He decided that, given the pilot's skill, they could get Joe into the chopper without the aid of more rescue personnel.

He used my poles and Ken's duct tape to splint the leg. He quickly scooped out a narrow ledge in the talus just below Joe where the chopper could do a one-skid pickup. Ken and I moved away to a safe place and the chopper came in to get Joe. This time it was sideways to the slope with just one skid on the talus. Unbelievably quickly, it was up and away with Joe and the paramedic.



The helicopter landing



Joe and Jean staying warm

Epilogue: Joe was flown to the Telluride Airport, whisked by ambulance to Grand Junction, and treated for a compound fracture of his leg. For Ken and me, the excitement was over by 10:15 but we were drained and the weather was questionable. So we headed down, packed up our camp and went to Telluride where we collected my poles at the medical center. We also bought ice cream and strawberries for our recuperation!

The next day, Monday, we climbed Wilson Peak.

The following week, Ken went back and did a long day trip up Mt. Wilson. He also climbed nearby "South Wilson." While on top of "South Wilson" he watched a helicopter maneuver around Mt. Wilson. He later learned it was the same chopper/pilot/deputy rescuing a woman who had broken her arm due to falling rock.

[Note from Jean: I tried to represent the story as Joe told it to me when we found him. I do not guarantee that it is completely accurate.]

Some additional notes

A SPOT is a personal beacon locator. It has one button that sends an OK/Check-in signal. This is a canned message which is setup by the owner and is sent as an email message to the recipients he selects. The email also contains a link to a Google map showing the location of the beacon. There is a second button which can have a different canned message. And there is a third button which sends a signal to the International Emergency Response Coordination Center.

It is unclear if the county will bill the injured climber or absorb the costs. Perhaps the climber's insurance will cover some of the costs. However, if the climber has a Colorado Outdoors Search and Rescue hiking card, the county is able to bill a state fund to pay for the rescue. CORSAR cards cost just \$3 for one year or \$12 for five years and can

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be purchased from an outdoor shop or a sheriff's office.

Information about Jean and Ken

Jean Aschenbrenner is constantly active doing technical canyoneering, mountain, rock and ice climbing, biking around Boulder, and traveling. She likes learning about geology. In 1993 she became the first woman to climb all the 13ers in Colorado. She is now a retired IBM software engineer and appreciates the knowledge she gained in the CMC's Wilderness First Aid Course.

Ken Nolan is an avid mountaineer. He has climbed all the 1,781 peaks over 11,000' in Colorado. His latest project is the GRID – climbing each of the 14ers in each calendar month. (Imagine a matrix or grid with the months as the columns and the peaks as the rows.) Since his list has 59 14ers, there are 708 slots in his grid. To date, he has climbed 28 of the easier fourteeners in every month and completed over 70% of the grid. (Note that he is not quite nuts enough to expect to be able to complete the entire 14er Grid!) Ken, a long-time Boulder CMC member, now lives in Buena Vista where he works remotely for IBM. He was very active in the Boulder CMC & BMS from 1979-86.

On the Leadership Front

- submitted by Cindy Gagnon

Safety has always been at the top of the priority list for all CMC activities. These past two years, there has been a lot of effort at both the state and group levels to update our Leadership guidelines. The CMC State Safety and Leadership Committee has been hard at work updating requirements, policies, and procedures. This month, I'd like to highlight the changes to CMC Leaders First Aid requirements.

Traditionally, the minimum standard for all trip leaders has been current First Aid and CPR at the time a CMC member is approved as a leader. Keeping the training current by renewing every few years was recommended but not required. In addition, the Boulder Group had an additional requirement that all Senior Instructors in all schools have current First Aid and CPR when teaching any courses.

Red Cross Basic First aid courses over time have evolved into little more than "Call 911." This training is now seen by many in outdoor recreation as inadequate, particularly for activities where assistance that might be obtained by a 911 call is not quickly available. For some activities outside of cell phone range, it is even more difficult to summon outside assistance, and of course, assistance will also take a longer time to arrive. For these reasons, the Safety and Leadership Committee decided to strengthen the training of leaders, so CMC leaders may be more prepared to provide effective basic first aid assistance on location when necessary. After careful consideration, it was decided that standard Wilderness First Aid (WFA), a 16 hour hands-on course, is more appropriate training for CMC leaders than the Red Cross Basic First Aid course. The new CMC State Policy for Leadership requirements is as follows:

• At the time of the leader's certification by the Group, leaders must have first aid certification equivalent or higher than American Red Cross Basic (Wilderness First Aid certification recommended), for leaders of the following activities: A and B hikes,

easy backpacking trips, easy snowshoe trips, and easy ski tours.

• At the time of the leader's certification by the Group, leaders must have Wilderness First Aid certification, with currency of the WFA certification to be maintained, for leaders of the following activities: C, D, C-E, D-E hikes and climbs, scrambling, semi-technical climbs, technical climbs, moderate and difficult backpacks, moderate and difficult snowshoe trips, moderate and difficult ski tours, and other activities not listed above.

In addition, the CMC Boulder Group will continue to also require current WFA for all Senior Instructors. The Basic WFA certification that Boulder Group leaders and instructors have been receiving over the past few years (12 hour course) is recognized as long as it is current, however, you will need to obtain full Wilderness First Aid upon your next renewal.

The biggest change in the policy that affects existing leaders is not only that WFA is the new standard, but leaders must have current WFA certification if leading higher level trips. We realize that it will take some time and effort for all of our Leaders to become current with WFA and to continue to remain current, as WFA is a three-year certification. We also recognize it again is a time demand on many of you as volunteers. But we ask that each of you consider getting current with WFA, especially if you lead the more difficult trips or are Senior Instructors within the Boulder Group. Both the Boulder and Denver groups will be offering numerous courses throughout the year. In order to encourage all Boulder Group leaders and instructors who require WFA to meet the new standards and become current, the Boulder Group will be offering substantial discounts to help defray most of the costs of training, in exchange for your volunteer time. The Denver Group courses are also significantly discounted for CMC leaders.

The Boulder and Denver Group each have courses available to members this coming fall.

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The Boulder Group Training Schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, Oct 20. Leadership Seminar, 6-10pm (requires additional at home online training to be completed no later than Oct 15).
- Wednesday, Nov 2, Adult CPR, 6-10pm
- Saturday, Nov 12 & Sunday, Nov 13 Wilderness First Aid. 8am - 6pm. Certification is through the American Safety and Health Institute which is valid for three years.

Denver Group Training Schedule is as follows:

- Thursday, Sept 15. Leadership Seminar 6:30-9:30 (requires additional at home online training to be completed prior to the course).
- Wilderness First Aid (Oct 3,10,17 6:30-9:30) & Oct 22 8-3pm.

To sign-up for any of the Boulder Group Training, please contact Cindy at safety@cmcboulder.org. Signup for the Denver Group training is available on-line. Our hope is that all leaders will take the time over the next few years to update both their leadership and first aid training skills.

Boulder Group Annual Dinner: Save the Date

The Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 5, from 5-9:30 pm at the Avalon Ballroom, 6185 Arapahoe Rd, Boulder. It will be a Potluck, BYOB dinner. Speakers will be David and Jan Robertson. David will speak about a 1968 ski trip with Harry Waldrop & others, 110 miles from Skagway to Juneau over the glaciers of the Boundary Peaks between the US and Canada. Jan will speak about an upcoming book on the History of CMC which is being published for our Centennial.

Access Fund's 2011 National Access & Stewardship Summit

Every year, the Access Fund hosts an educational summit that brings activists and volunteers together to learn about ways to preserve access to places we love and protect them for future generations. Whether you are interested in starting a local climbing organization, working with land managers on access issues, discussing conservation opportunities with private landowners, or simply want to know how you can get involved at your local crag, this summit will have something for you. The summit will be held from Friday, September 30- Sunday, October 2nd at the American Mountaineering Center in Golden, CO.

Anyone who is passionate about protecting America's outdoor spaces can attend the summit. There will be introductory topics for attendees new to the world of climbing access and expert workshops for the seasoned advocate. This year, travel scholarships will be offered and can be applied to travel and accommodations expenses to make it easier for participants to attend. Go to http://www.accessfund.org/site/c.tmL5KhNWLrH/b.7522431/k.EC96/2011_Summit_Travel_Scholarship.htm for information.

Presentations will cover a range of topics, including stewardship and education, local support and mobilization, land conservation, and public policy. To incorporate all the presentations, the summit will have multiple concurrent tracks. At any one time, you will have the choice between three different presentations to attend. Contact joe@accessfund.org if you are interested in presenting.

Space Still Available in Fall Hiking Courses

We still have space available in two of our fall hiking courses -- Hiking Navigation (starts 9/22) and GPS Navigation (starts 10/11). To find out how to sign up, go to www.cmcboulder.org/bms/how-ToSignUp.html. Our fall Basic Rock School filled up quickly right after the Fall Schools Orientation Night. And, Hiking and Survival Essentials has already started. Thanks to the many volunteers who are making these fall courses happen!

Radical Reels Comes to the AMC

The most outrageous films from the Banff Mountain Film Festival will thrill and inspire you with big-screen adventures when Radical Reels comes to the American Mountaineering Center on October 6 and 7. Each evening features the same lineup of great films, so buy your tickets early for either the Thursday or Friday night screening, and hang onto your seats for the world's best skiing, boarding, climbing, and kayaking films. Showtime is 7PM each night; tickets \$10 at the CMC, online at www.cmc.org/rad, or at REI Denver locations. This event will sell out!

Third Annual BlancaFest

The CMC is partnering with local conservation, recreation, and cultural organizations to host its third annual BlancaFest in Alamosa, Colorado September 17 and 18 in Cole Park. BlancaFest is a FREE weekend-long festival where hikers, families, and nature enthusiasts can enjoy an outdoor expo, kick back and relax with an evening of entertainment including live music, food and brews from San Luis Valley Brewing Company, FREE entry to Telluride Mountain Film Festival, and free guided tours to the best trails, peaks and cultural sites the San Luis Valley and Sangre de Cristo range have to offer. Visit cmc.org/blancafest to see all the fun activities and make a weekend out of it!

Brainard Cabin Annual Work Party

Saturday Sept 24, 2011. Come for all or part of the day to help haul pre-split wood, cut, split & stack trees into firewood, clean the inside of the cabin, and make minor repairs. Bring work boots/shoes, work gloves, and your lunch. Be prepared for hot/dry &/or wet/cold. Sign-up is not necessary but is appreciated. Meet at the cabin, or car pool at 8:00 AM from the parking lot in the N.E. corner of Iris and Broadway in North Boulder. For more info, contact: Jason Kintzel (303) 776-1218, or cabins@cmcboulder.org

Arestua Cabin Annual Work Party

Saturday, Sept 17, 2011. Help get our beautiful Guinn Mountain cabin ready for the winter. Projects include - cutting a LOT of wood, hauling, splitting, and stacking; cleaning the abin inside; and some small repairs. Bring work boots/shoes, work gloves, your lunch, chain saw if you own one. Sign-up is not necessary but is appreciated. Be prepared for hot/dry &/or wet/cold. Meet at the hut or the Rollinsville Store at 8:00am. For more info, contact: Mark Buchanan (303) 717-1187, or arestuahut@yahoo.com.

ACE's 20th Anniversary Celebration

Action Committee for Eldorado (ACE) is a non-profit organization dedicated to representing climbers' interests in Eldorado Canyon State Park. This group will hold an event at Neputne Mountaineering on Thursday, September 8th at 8pm. Spend the evening listening to stories and checking out images of Eldo Climbing by Lynn Hill and Abbey Smith. Special guests include Layton Kor, Pat Ament, and Jim Erickson. The event will include beer, a raffle, and t-shirts. The event is free and open to the public, but a donation of \$10 is suggested. Visit <http://www.aceeldo.org/> for more information.

Boulder Group Instructors Complete Top 100 Peaks

Congratulations to CMC members and Boulder Group instructors Beth Davis and Jim Davis who completed Colorado's Top 100 Peaks on Aug 27. The photo below shows them on the Summit of Crystal Peak.



Kingston Peak Alpine Restoration

Wildlands Restoration Volunteers is looking for help with a restoration to be held the weekend of September 17-18. Enjoy lovely fall colors in the high country while helping restore and protect alpine and subalpine habitat near Kingston Peak, south of Nederland and the James Peak Wilderness, along the popular Apex Road. The area has spectacular views of the Continental Divide. Several subalpine sites have been impacted by motorized recreation along unofficial roadways, forming erosion gullies in this sensitive environment. Plus, a rare alpine wetland has been impacted and needs to be protected and restored. Volunteers, working at elevations over 11,000 feet, will plant seeds, transplant vegetation, install erosion matting, construct drainage structures and a buck'n'rail fence. Volunteers will camp in a forested area a few miles from the site, then carpool and hike each day to the restoration location. Friday night arrival highly recommended. Rain backup date is October 8-9.

Call for Fall Trips and Leaders: Hikes and Rock Climbs

Fall is approaching, and it's time to enjoy hiking and climbing trips with the most beautiful weather that Colorado offers. The Outings Committee is calling on trip leaders to submit some hiking and rock climb trips. Trips scheduled for the end of September and all of October would be especially helpful for recent graduates of the Hiking and Basic Rock Schools. Hiking School graduates will be eager to apply their newly acquired trekking and navigation skills. Basic Rock School graduates will be especially interested in signing up for easier rock climb trips, where they can advance their climbing and rappelling skills. Please submit your trips on-line or e-mail us at outings@cmcboulder.org.

Subscribe to the Boulder Group's Weekly e-GPS Newsletter

Would you like to receive notices on courses, presentations, news and events for the Boulder Group, CMC and all around the Boulder/Denver area? If so, then subscribe to the Boulder Group's e-GPS newsletter! The current issue may always be found at <http://www.cmcboulder.org/docs/GPS/CurrentGPS.htm>. To subscribe and receive the e-GPS through a weekly email, follow the directions at <http://lists.cmcboulder.org/listinfo.cgi/e-gps-cmcboulder.org>.

Trash Bash 2011

Mark your calendar for the 11th Annual Flagstaff Trash Bash to be held on Wednesday, September 14 at the Flagstaff Summit. There will be beer, food, and prizes. Visit <http://boulderclimbingcommunity.net/2011/08/31/11th-annual-flagstaff-trash-bash/> for more information.

Death Valley Hiking Trip

Castles, abandoned mines, unique wildlife, sand dunes, snow-capped mountains, canyons, layers of multi-colored rocks, and the world's lowest golf course! Trip runs from March 11- March 16, 2012. Temperatures will be a moderate 65 to 75 degrees. Enjoy the beauties of Death Valley next spring. Spring time is Death Valley's most colorful time of the year. Here you will experience a wide variety of wildlife, one that is unique to this desert land.

Not only will you hike the one of a kind terrain that only Death Valley can offer, but you will also visit the Scotty's famous castle and explore the remains of abandoned mines. Massage therapy, horseback riding, tennis, golf, and horse-drawn carriage rides are only a few of the many enjoyable options that can be enjoyed during your spare time. During the week we will visit the park Visitor Center and Museum, conduct several A or moderate B hikes as well as visit Scotty's Castle. Price includes transportation to and from Las Vegas airport to the National Park, hike transportation, lodging, meals, and entrance to Scotty's Castle. An optional last night gourmet dinner can also be scheduled.

Lodging will be at the renovated Furnace Creek Ranch which offers a complete resort complex in the heart of Death Valley National Park. Your air conditioned room is complemented by several restaurants, saloon, general store, Museum, and spring-fed swimming pool in addition to other resort amenities.

Not included in the trip is airfare, single supplement of \$568, alcoholic beverages, dinner on the last night and any outside activities. The cost is \$1262.00, Single \$1830. A nonrefundable deposit of \$100 is due by December 31, 2011 with the balance due by January 15, 2012. Visit www.cmc.org/AT for cancellation policy and payment schedule.

Contact Terry Hardie at tjhardie@msn.com or Sharon Silva at ssilva@q.com for more information.

Boulder Group Instructor Party and Prize Drawing

The Boulder Group held its annual Leader/Instructor Party and Prize Drawing on Friday August 12 at the clubroom. The first three videos of school field trips were shown before the prize drawing. We would like to thank the following companies and individuals for donating to the party and/or prize drawing.

Their donations helped to make this another successful gathering for Boulder's leaders and instructors. Avery Brewing, Backpackers Pantry, Boulder Army Store, Boulder Beer, Boulder Running Co, CMC Press, Dark Horse, Deuter, Golite, Lafuma, Left Hand Brewery, MountainSmith, Sea to Summit, Southern Sun, Stonewear, Trango and Paul Raab.



Instructor Party Festivities