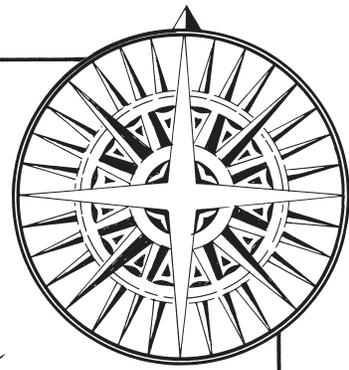




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A Message from the CMC President:

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



Ken and Ruth in Macchu Pichu, Peru, an object of their study

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,

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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 Chairman 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 BCMC, its members, and the good that it could do.

The goals that we set for the BCMC in the early 1960s focused on conservation, wide ranging climbing trips and attractive 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 BCMC, not unlike the present. Friendships, camaraderie, and helping one another to learn about climbing and preserving Colorado's mountain environment were what made the BCMC an important and active club.

Ruth, while Chairman, started the Boulder Climbing School at the Amphitheater. It started out with a bang! Thirteen-year old Layton Kor showed up with his father for belay 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 participants 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 Cosgriff in an attempt to form a Leadville 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 maintained 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 friendships were developed.

The BCMC 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 BCMC 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 interpersonal skills and conservation ethics. The BCMC is a great place for family activities.

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

Third Flatiron Trail Reconstruction

Come out for a satisfying day of trail restoration 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 conditions.

For more information, email fcc [at] flatironsclimbing.com or visit www.flatironsclimbing.com. This project is a joint effort of the Flatirons Climbing Council, the Access Fund, and the American Alpine 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 issue 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 parties, 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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We welcome announcements, articles, letters, artwork, and photos, especially from recent CMC trips and events.

October issue deadline: Sept 11

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, Ingvor 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! ☐

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 (cmcboulder.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! ☐

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). ☐

Annual Dinner Reservation Saturday November 4th 2006

Names for name tags _____

Number of people _____ @ \$8 Amount enclosed = \$ _____

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Check box for your Potluck (serves 4 to 8 people) - Entrée Salad Dessert

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
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'
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. Marilyn Fellows, (303)499-6099.
Saturday, September 16

Eldorado Canyon II Climb
Sampler 5.7
Group consensus will determine the route. Whatever YOU want to climb! We will likely do several routes at the 5.7 level and below. This will be an all day affair. Must be solid at 5.7. Jason Shatek, (303)995-3600. (Trip#33406)

Cadillac Crag III Climb
Eldorado Canyon 5.8
Gonzo has a finger crack on pitch 1, then a hand and fist crack on pitch 2. V3 is a fun and long pitch that ascends the di-hedral between fin 3 and 4. Brenda Leach, (303)525-3660. (Trip#33380)

Sunday, 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. McHenry's 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'. Donald Kava, (303)494-2632. (Trip#33345)

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 no 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. 9/1,700'. 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) □

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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. □

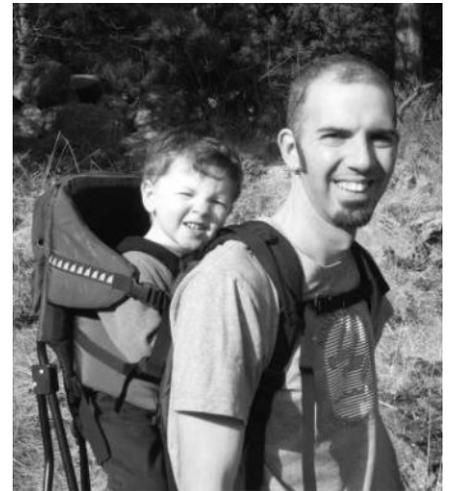
Action Photo of the Month:

BCMC'ers climbing a couloir on the North Face of Flattop Mountain (in Rocky Mountain National Park) on June 24, 2006. Trip # 33420. Trip Leader: Todd Nelson. Photographer: Tom Crosman



TO SUBMIT YOUR ACTION PHOTO OF THE MONTH: Go to cmcboulder.org and click on Groups/Share Your Photo and send email about it to the Compass (Please indicate you uploaded the photo at the website.)

This Year's 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! □

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Message, from page 1

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

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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]

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and all of its many activities. The annual meetings provide an opportunity to meet long-term good friends, and we never miss it.

Looking back more than 40 years, we found that our active participation in the Boulder and State CMC activities provided a richness and appreciation for Colorado and its people that would not have otherwise been available. We also are able to view the present BCMC and State CMC from a long-ago perspective. What we see is an organization that has grown, improved in its services and activities, and is still a place of collegiality and friendship. The BCMC has grown in quality, as well as in numbers; it is this quality that makes the club a revered and special club for which we older members are proud. □