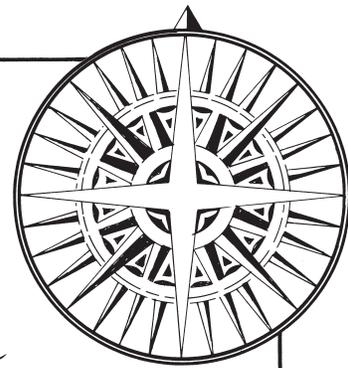




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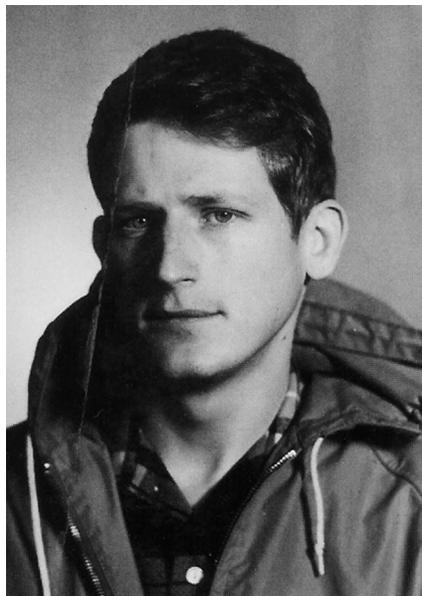
This issue is *packed* with opportunities and events for your enjoyment and ways to help. Like those overzealous road repair crews and overactive grasshoppers, there's a real burst of activity at the end of summer to get the work done before those chilly fall winds start to blow.

I have to put in a plug here for the Annual Dinner in November, which is shaping up to be a really special event (see related stories on this page). Otherwise, I hope you can get out and enjoy the upcoming Labor Day weekend with your partners, friends or family.

— Rick Casey,
Compass Editor and
Webteam / Council Liaison Person

'67 McKinley Climber to Speak at Annual Dinner

The speaker for the Boulder Group Annual Dinner (see separate announcement, lower right) is an important figure in Colorado mountaineering history, and a former CMC member and trip leader.



Howard Snyder, around the time of the 1967 expedition

Howard Snyder led the 1967 Colorado McKinley Expedition and reached the summit along with fellow Coloradans Paul Schlichter and Jerry Lewis. Their team was forced by the U.S. National Park Service to combine with another group from Seattle for the climb, with fatal consequences. The disastrous expedition, one of the most controversial in North American mountaineering history, was chronicled in the 2007 book *Forever on the Mountain* by James Tabor.

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Boulder CMC Open House

When: Sep. 15th, 7-8 pm

Where: At the Clubroom, around the corner from Neptune's

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!

Winter School Program Preview

It is still summer in Boulder, but planning has already begun for the 2010/2011 Boulder Group Winter Schools program. The program will again be packed with schools focused on Winter Mountaineering Skills (Ice climbing, Winter Camping, Glacier Travel & Crevasse Rescue and High Peak Planning) as well as a *continued on page 4, BMS Winter Schools*

Annual Dinner Coming Up

When: Saturday, Nov 5, 5 to 9:30 pm

Where: Avalon Ballroom,
6185 Arapaho, Boulder, CO
Pot luck, BYOB, \$10 members,
\$15 non-members or at door

Though it's a ways off, for those CMC members who've attended the Boulder Group's Annual Dinner these past few years, they know it's an event not to be missed. Where else can you find such a celebration of a rich mix of local

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Chair's Report

It still feels like mid-summer but here at the Boulder Group, important transitions are getting underway -- and not without a little of that foreboding chill of winter in them.

First, our long-time clubroom manager, Sheila Delamere, is transitioning from her (highly under-) paid position to a purely volunteer status. The change takes full effect on October 1st but is already underway as Sheila informs her fellow volunteer hosts and begins to divvy up the myriad duties she has so faithfully undertaken on our behalf for so many years.

Sheila has been thinking of this change for some time but two events have finally made it reality. First, she took a well-deserved six week break this summer to travel with husband Alan and found, lo and behold, that the office functions worked fairly well in her absence. The main reason, aside from her expert organizational skills, is that in fact, the duties of the office manager have diminished in direct proportion to the computerization of club functions, e.g., on-line trip registration and the change to electronic communications in general. Now, I have to confess a preference to the world of paper and people over electrons but the gains in efficiency are undeniable.

The second event Sheila has observed is the inevitability that we will need a new clubroom space. Our current lease at Unit N of the Table Mesa Shopping Center ends December 31, 2011. We have enjoyed eight years of a sweet-heart deal from Gary Neptune and W.W. Reynolds, with a lease rate probably five times below what the market will bear. An opportunity has arisen to enter into a long-term lease at a nearby space and the Boulder Group Council has authorized me and Dick Munro to negotiate terms. Those negotiations are going well but the fact is the Boulder Group will end up paying some multiples of our current rent. This will substantially impact the Group's budget.

Sheila recognizes this and hopes that the money we will save by not paying her salary (a stipend, really) will be one meaningful contribution to helping the

Group cover the increased rent. Thank you, Sheila. Eliminating our one paid position will help but can hardly make up for all that you have contributed to the club. As the credit card ad says, "Priceless".

The new clubroom space may become available as soon as November. This physical transition coincides with our fiscal year budget season. This month, the Council members and I will be exploring various ways to cover our increased expenses. Options include raising school fees, reducing our operating margins, dipping into reserves and continuing to trim other expenses. Long-term, growing our membership is the best option. At the bottom of the list would be a dues increase. We have no desire or intention to take such a step and believe a dues increase would be counter-productive. Fortunately, our financial condition is strong enough that we have time to work out a long-term solution without further burdening current members.

I hope to be able to report more definitively on the clubroom and budget situa-

Volunteer Opportunities

To volunteer call 303-554-7768 or email clubroom@cmcboulder.org

Clubroom Hosts Needed

Clubroom Hosts are needed Monday through Thursday from 5-7 pm

Wanted: Your Stories!

The Compass newsletter wants to hear from you! Please consider sharing your personal stories or consider writing an article of interest for a future issue. Email compass@cmcboulder.org.

New Compass Editor Wanted

If you have the time, and would like to gain valuable experience with the Boulder CMC, please consider volunteering as editor for the Compass. You will gain a rich experience of how the Club functions by overseeing the production of a tradition that has been published continuously for decades. You will also get experience in using inDesign, a standard software tool in professional graphic design. If so, please contact the editor at compass@cmcboulder.org.

tions next month. In the meantime, let's hope the turbulent summer weather will soon be replaced with the stable, clear air that make the Colorado autumn an outdoor lovers' delight. And when you next stop by the clubroom or call her on the phone, please remember to express your appreciation to Sheila Delamere. As she has so admirably embodied, there is no substitute for the human touch.

Finally, I am happy to report that long-time CMCer Glenn Porzak is expected to have a good, albeit painful recovery from his fall in the Indian Peaks a couple of weeks ago. The BG Council has sent Glenn a get-well card and the CMC has donated to Rocky Mountain Rescue in Glenn's name. Glenn's law partner, Mike Browning, wanted to let Glenn's friends know, when the time is right, that Mike will print out emails and read them to Glenn. Emails should be sent to Mike directly at: "Michael Browning" <mf-browning@pbblaw.com>.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Fernandez, Boulder Chair

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We welcome announcements, articles, letters, artwork, and photos, especially from recent CMC trips and events.

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September 2010 Trips & Activities

Editor's note: The following is a list of BCMC trips and events for the month. It is possible for trips to be changed or 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 1

After Work Social Hike Moderate A
Casual pace

A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don't call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Clubroom (behind Neptune Mountaineering at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Leader: Steven Haymes 303-444-4765 srhaymes@yahoo.com Trip#11419

Wednesday, September 8

Wednesday Evening Endeavors
Moderate A

After Work Hike
A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don't call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room. Optional after-hike food and drink. Leader:Marilyn Fellows 303-499-6099 marilyngfellows@yahoo.com Trip#11493

Wednesday, September 15

Wednesday Evening Endeavors
Easy A

After-Work Hike Casual pace
Don't call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room.
Boulder Leader:Diana Dear 303-494-9493 Diana.Dear@Colorado.edu
Trip#12855

Boulder CMC Open House
7-8 pm, Clubroom, Wed, Sept 15

Want to learn more or share your knowledge about the CMC? New and prospective CMC members, join us at this open house. Experienced CMC members, share your enthusiasm and knowledge about hiking, camping, peak bagging, rock climbing, snowshoeing, or cross country skiing and more. You're always encouraged to BRING A FRIEND!
Leader:Samuel Levis 303-665-1310
samuellevis@hotmail.com Trip#12707

Amphitheater Rocks I Climb
Gregory Canyon 5.5

Enjoy a plethora of different climbs, techniques, and degrees of difficulty from 5.1 up. Boulder Leader:Brenda Leach 303-525-3660 brenda_leach@yahoo.com Trip#12819

Wednesday, September 22

Movie Night!
CMC Clubroom, 7 - 9 pm (approx)
Host: Rick Casey
Film: 180° South
Come enjoy an epic adventure/documentary inspired by a 1968 trip to South America by Yvon Chouinard and Doug Thompkins. More info at www.180south.com. Warning: this film could make you quit your job!

Saturday, September 18

Årestua Cabin Annual Work Party
Help get our beautiful Guinn Mountain cabin ready for the winter. Projects include- wood cutting, hauling, splitting, and stacking; cleaning the cabin inside; and some small repairs. Bring:work boots/shoes, work gloves, your lunch, chain saw if you own one. Sign-up not necessary but appreciated. Be prepared for hot/dry/wet/cold. Meet at the hut or the Rollinsville Store at 8:00am. For more info, contact: Mark Buchanan (303) 717-1187, or arestuahut@gmail.com Boulder Leader:Jason L Kintzel 303-776-1218 jkintzel@jcbaur.com Trip#12664

Saturday, September 25

Brainard Cabin Work Party

Come for any part of either day to help haul, split & stack wood, 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, especially if you plan to stay Saturday night. 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 Boulder Leader:Jason L Kintzel 303-776-1218 jkintzel@jcbaur.com Trip#12665

Wednesday, September 29

Wednesday Evening Endeavors
Moderate A

After work Hike
A relaxing, slow-to-moderate paced, 2 to 3 hour hike close to Boulder. Don't call-just show up before 6:00 pm at the Boulder Group Club Room (behind Neptune Mountaineering at Table Mesa and Broadway). Be prepared for any weather with good footwear, water and a light. Optional after-hike food and drink. Leader:Karen L Baldwin 303-420-8162 karenlbaldwin@hotmail.com Trip#11886

Leader & Instructor Appreciation Party

The Boulder Group held its annual Leader/Instructor Appreciation Party and Prize Drawing on August 13th. We would like to thank all the members who volunteered their time and skills this past year. We are able to offer our trips and various schools throughout the year because of their efforts. The Boulder Group would also like to thank the following companies who generously donated to the prize drawing: Neptune Mountaineering, Backpacker Magazine, Barnes & Noble, Boulder Army Store, Boulder Running Co, CMC Press, Deuter, Golite, Juanitas, LaFuma, Old Chicago, Patagonia, REI, Rio Grande, Sea To Summit, Sherpani, Southern Sun, Stonewear and Trango. And a big shoutout to Avery Brewing for donating the beer!

— contributed by Phil Congdon

Leadership & Safety Seminars

The Boulder Group is hosting a number of leadership training related courses this coming Fall. These courses are designed for new trip leaders, as well as BMS Instructors/Trip leaders needing to renew their Leadership skills, First Aid and/or CPR requirements.

Leadership Seminar Th Oct 14 6-10 pm.
(Free)

Adult-only CPR Wed Oct 20 7-10 pm
(\$35 / \$15 if taken with WFA)

Wilderness First Aid (WFA) Sun Oct 24,
8-5 & Wed Oct 27 7-10 pm (\$85)

For those who are interested in becoming a Boulder Group trip leader, First Aid, CPR and completing a leadership seminar are requirements. (For detailed information on all the steps to coming a trip leader, please see <http://www.cmcboulder.org/bms/leadership/Leader-App.pdf>).

The Leadership Training is now a 2 step process. First, you participate in a self-paced on-line training and complete a workbook. Once you have completed the on-line training and handed in the workbook, there is a one-night seminar to follow. The on-line training material can be found on the boulder group website at <http://www.cmcboulder.org/bms/leadership/leadershipSeminar.html>. Please complete this and send to the clubroom no later than Oct 8. You will not be allowed to participate in the Leadership seminar unless you have completed the on-line training.

For more details or to sign-up, please email Cindy Gagnon at safety@cmcboulder.org

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variety of ski skills (cross country, nordic, backcountry, avalanche training and ski mountaineering). We are even in the preliminary discussion phase of offering a new course focused on rescue skills.

All of these schools are jam packed with great instruction, and are successful due to the number of instructors who con-

Annual Dinner, from page 1

environmental activism, deep knowledge of the outdoor environment, skill and enthusiasm for outdoor sports and familiarity with the local community? You can expect all of these elements expressed in abundance at the 2010 Annual Dinner. The big attraction this time is the exceptional speaker that will be attending, Mr. Howard Snyder. I hope you will attend and hear Mr. Snyder's talk, which is sure to be a compelling story of a significant event in American mountaineering history (see article on page 1)

Other necessary items to mention in connection with the Dinner are:

Call-out for Pictures!

Share your pictures from the past year with others at the Annual Dinner! Pictures should be in jpg (preferred), pdf or png format, and not too large in size. You have three ways to submit: 1) send them via email to dinnerpics@cmcboulder.org 2) upload them at cmcboulder.org, or 3) if you have a lot to share, put them on a CD and drop off or mail them to:

Boulder Group, CMC
Table Mesa Shopping Center
633 South Broadway, Unit N
Boulder, CO 80305

Dinner Volunteers Needed

Since we are a volunteer club, we do everything about the dinner ourselves. Although a committee is organizing the various tasks, more help is needed, particularly with table setup and take-down. Most importantly, a Floor Manager position is open for someone who is good at overseeing the event. Setup volunteers would need to arrive by 4 pm to help on the day of the event; takedown volunteers should be done by 10 pm. To volunteer, email dinnerhelp@cmcboulder.org

from the previous column

tinue to volunteer their time and energy to share their knowledge. But, we are always in need of new instructors to keep these courses going. In addition, we are in dire need of a few people with great organization skills to help organize and lead the direction of some of the schools.

Dinner Speaker, from page 1

Twelve men ascended McKinley, but only five came down alive – including the three Coloradans, fortunately.

Although Howard Snyder has given many presentations on the '67 McKinley climb in the years since then, this will be the first time he has spoken in Boulder, where the fateful trip began. It will also be the first time he and teammate Paul Schlichter have appeared together. Howard will also touch on his experiences as a CMC trip leader in the 1960's and what the climbing scene in Boulder was like back then.

Tickets for the dinner are \$10 per person in advance and \$15 at the door, and everyone is asked to bring a dish serving at least five. We will be taking reservations online, and Boulder Group members will be notified via email when the website is up and running. Look for an announcement on the Boulder and state CMC websites, as well as in the GPS weekly electronic newsletter.

from the previous column

Students always wonder "why" so many CMC members volunteer their time to help teach these courses. Personally, being an instructor, sharing my skills with others, is incredibly rewarding. The excitement when someone reaches the top of the ice climb for the first time, the smiles on the faces after a good day of backcountry powder turns, and the laughter of a group of friends who only a few weeks earlier were strangers meeting at the CMC clubroom for the first AMS lecture, make it all worth it.

So if you've ever taken one of the winter schools, and would like to come back and help teach, please don't hesitate to volunteer. Or if you have some background and skills that you know would be of value to our winter program, we'd love to have you join our team. Please contact Cindy at bms@cmcboulder.org to volunteer or for more info.

Think snow!

Cindy Gagnon
BMS Boulder Group
Winter Schools Director

Cabin Fall Work Parties

The fall work parties to prepare the cabins for winter are always fun events and fill up quick. If you want to learn more about the cabins, and meet a lot of fun people, make sure you sign up early! They will be listed as Work Party Trips at the state website.

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Saturday, Sept 18.

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Some Happy Cabin Campers

[Editor's Note: the following was a letter (verbatim) sent to the Cabins Committee this summer by a satisfied customer; it sure made the Cabins Committee feel appreciated!]

Dear Rob,

Please let everyone know that the CMC has helped to build some fantastic

memories for the 15 of us that were lucky to use your cabin. Here we are at 6:30 Tuesday morning, preparing to hike to the summit of Mt. Audubon. We had a great time and great weather.

I wish we could have met...especially since I could not raise a decent sized trout. Im sure you know the tricks. The cabin was better than expected and I believe we left it in better shape than we found it. I hope now that we have been trained, we will be allowed to come back again some time. We absolutely loved it! I actually enjoyed the Brainard area more than our two visits to RMNP (too many people).

Our air travel was only a bit better on the way out...with a three hour delay getting us home at 2 am this morning.

I will upload more pictures to flicker, and send you the link to our adventures. Andy and I led the High Adventure and are the two in front in blue.

Thanks again,
Jim

Left Hand Canyon Restoration Project

Over the past six years, Wildlands Restoration Volunteers collaborated with the US Forest Service, James Creek Watershed Initiative, Walsh Environmental Services, and Trail Ridge Runners, to complete the first six phases of an award-winning restoration project benefiting hundreds of acres of forest habitat and downstream water quality. Most previous work has focused on reducing erosion from miles of spur roads that dissected hundreds of acres of forest habitat, plus the restoration of nearly a mile of stream in Carnage Canyon.

This fall, our work will concentrate on restoring an entire hillside that has been impacted by past motorized activity. Heavy equipment will prepare the area. Volunteers will seed and mulch the area, transplant tree seedlings, and install erosion matting to prevent erosion.

This project is funded in part by a Colorado State 319 grant, and the

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Jim and his crew of 14 at the Brainard Cabin before their hike up Mt Audubon



Filmmakers Wanted

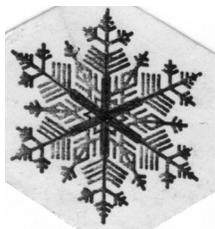
The Boulder BMS Committee wants to create three videos. One will be of the spring/summer school's field trips; one of the winter school's field trips and the third will be a combination of the first two. The videos could be used to help publicize our schools at the school signups, open house, on our website and other possible applications. We are looking for individuals who would be willing to go on one or more of the field trips and video the students and instructors. If you are interested contact Phil Congdon at pcfiredfly@gmail.com or 303-926-1408.

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National Forest Foundation.

There *will* be COMMUNITY CELEBRATION with food and live music at the end of the day!

TO REGISTER, visit:
<http://wlrn.net/colorado/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.events&type=792#Event546>

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Contact Mary Eldred at mary@wlrn.org or 303-543-1411.



10th Annual Flagstaff TRASH BASH

When: Sept 8th, 2010 at 5pm
Where: Flagstaff Mountain
Why: It's a clean, green, happening scene!

The 10th Annual Flagstaff TRASH BASH will be happening on Wednesday, September 8th, 2010, and you know it will be raining booty. So mark your calendar, recruit/brainwash some friends, and head up to the Summit to pick up trash, eat dinner, drink beverages, and walk away with the goods.

The trash cleanup starts with the raffle signup around 5pm (after work), at the Flagstaff Mountain Summit. To get there, go about three miles up Flagstaff Road, take a right on the Flagstaff Summit Road and drive to the Flagstaff Summit parking lot. Look for "The Stone Shelter" to the west of the lot.

After the cleanup, there'll be food and beverages followed by the legendary "schwag fest" raffle. Bring work gloves if you can, and warm clothes for later. Bring a friend and car pool if possible. Parking fee will be waived for non-resident volunteers. If you are running late, come anyway to help recycle the trash, and enjoy the "zero waste" BBQ.

Thanks for being part of this event, again. Come out and clean up!

— contributed by Willie Mein,
Trash Man

Hiking and Exploring in Ecuador

Dates: September 6– 17, 2010
Price: \$2,501 + air travel

Travel to a private preserve nestled in a rustic mountain setting in the Pichincha Foothills where you will find peace and tranquility. Experience Ecuador's bird and animal life, following the footsteps of the ancient Incas on the Last Inca Emperor's Trails. Take in incredible views of the mountains and volcanoes and enjoy superb photo opportunities. Our starting point will be Quito. After arriving we will explore the capital of Ecuador, learning about colonial art, history, archaeology and folklore. In the preserve we will trek to the Highland Rainforest, with opportunities to visit five sacred waterfalls. There are 250 varieties of native medicinal plants in the region and we will learn about some of them. While hiking in a wild virgin cloud forest around Pichincha Mountain and trekking jungle trails, we will observe a variety of birds, including hummingbirds at feeders. Ecuador is a paradise of about 450 bird species, majestic waterfalls, and 300 varieties of orchids. A visit to the world famous Otavala Indian Market will give you a chance to shop for local handmade products.

Guided hikes at a moderate to easy hiking level on 8 days of the trip will be in the itinerary including after dark hikes to hear wild voices of the night jungle. There will be an optional 5 or 7 day trip to the Galapagos Islands before the trip. For more information, please contact: Betsy Weitkamp at 303-722-1656 or elaw@q.com.

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