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Last Call for Denver Conference 2002

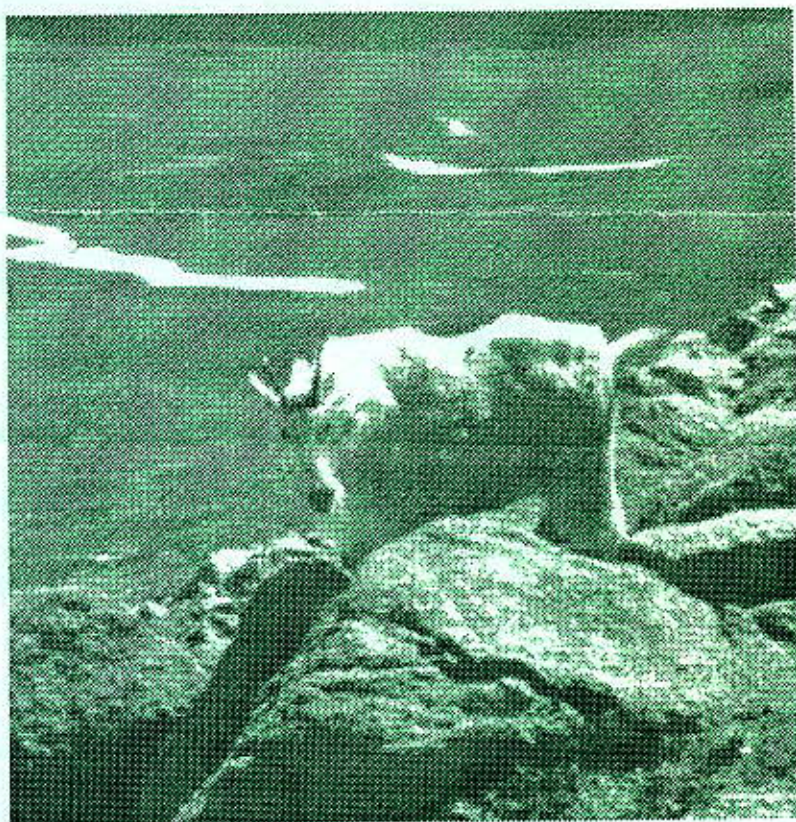
Mount Evans - drive to the top of a 14,000 foot peak
Mountain Goats
Bighorn Sheep
Alpine wildflowers
Great vistas

Lily Lake in Rocky Mountain National Park
Greenback cutthroat trout

Workshops Galore
Writing
Photography

Annual Photo and Writing Contest Awards
Fantastic annual slide show

Great Camaraderie of RMOWP members!



Mountain Goat on Mt. Evans

Photo by Lee Carr

Join us in Denver for a great time!

From The President

Tell Me Where To Go

by
Russ Bromby



Really! I need to know where you want to go for the next couple of RMOWP conferences.

The board will select a conference site and time for the 2003 conference at the upcoming 2002 Denver conference. And I am asking that they also select a site and time for the 2004 conference so that we have adequate planning time. Next year, at the 2003 conference, we will select a site and time for the 2005 conference and always be two years out in our planning.

So, what I need from you are ideas on where you want to go for future conferences. What do you want to see and what do you want to write about or take pictures of?

I have gotten an extensive wish list of viable sites from longtime member Jack Olson. I asked Jack to consider possible sites because of his knowledge of the Rocky Mountain region. He has put together a wonderful list of sites including places in Wyoming (Saratoga, Dubois, Jackson), Colorado (Grand Junction, Cortez, Pagosa Springs, Alamosa), Utah (Vernal, Moab, Springdale), South Dakota (Custer, Hot Springs), Montana (Gardner), and New Mexico (Santa Fe, Silver City). Any of these sites tickle your imagination or get your creative juices flowing? Or is there somewhere else that you have recently been to, heard

about or have always wanted to go? Arizona, Idaho, or anywhere else? Let me know. We need ideas to consider and an indication of where our members would like to go for a conference in the region. There are plenty of good places. Keep in mind that we have recently been to Alamogordo, NM, Bryce Canyon, UT and Tucson, AZ.

And, while I'm asking for input, there is an all-important piece to be considered. The conference chair for the meeting. This is a big job and usually requires someone who is familiar enough with the area to arrange the conference. That includes selecting the conference headquarters (usually a local motel) with RV camping close by, negotiating the prices for the rooms, meeting agenda, meeting room arrangements, field trips and transportation, and other logistical details. Often the conference chair can get local assistance from the chamber of commerce. If you would like to volunteer your help as a conference chair or co-chair for a specific area, please let me know about your interest before the Denver conference.

And that brings me to another point. Selling our organization to the conference site. When we go to a conference we should come away with many ideas for stories or abundant photos of the location. And then going the extra step of getting those items published. That will be a benefit in two ways. It will help you pay your way to the conference and, by letting the board know about what you've published, help persuade the local chamber of commerce that we are a valuable group to visit their area. Tourism is the lifeblood of most of the above mentioned places and we can provide a valuable service to these communities and increase our credibility as an organization in the bargain.

So, let me know what you think and if you'd like to volunteer to help. Call me (303-989-3002), write me (2207 S. Flower Ct., Lakewood, CO 80227), e-mail me (rbromby@wideopenwest.com) or talk to me at the Denver conference and I'll bring it to the board, or bring it to a board member or officer of your choice if you prefer. Thanks in advance for your ideas and help.

Russ

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Make a Difference in Young Outdoorsmen

The elevator bell rang a sharp brassy "ding" — first floor. The doors opened up to a view of downtown Albuquerque through the huge plate-glass windows. Outside in the cold, men were hard at work. The last remnants of an otherwise dry winter swirled in the street. It was a complete contrast, warm and comfortable inside my office; across the street ironworkers fought the cold.

Passing by I turned up my coat collar and heard the men hollering back and forth. One gave orders to a crane operator and a repeating dull thud of mallet on metal filled the air. Like a sculptor shapes clay, these guys turned what looked like a tangle of iron and concrete into a downtown building. A young guy about 10 years my junior sported the Ironworker Union emblem on his hard hat and my heart swelled with pride.

My dad, Ernest Springer, walked the I-beams until the heavy work put him in retirement a bit early. As a youngster, I never fully understood how hard he had to work, and maybe I still don't. But now a grown man and expecting my second child in July, I'm seeing through a clearer lens the sacrifices that my dad made for his own children.

Spending time outdoors was always a priority; we traipsed all over the mountains of northern New Mexico when I was a little guy, fishing for trout, seeking adventure. We moved to Ohio in my eleventh year and fishing the creeks for smallmouth bass made an indelible impression. Dad introduced me to quail and pheasant hunting when I was old enough to handle a 12 gauge. It may seem trivial, but some of the first pieces of mail to come to our house addressed to me were *Field & Stream* and *Guns & Ammo*. Dad bought the subscriptions.

As Father's Day approaches, some things I will never forget come to mind — things that should always serve as a reminder to me and other fathers. In summer, dad would come home from work, lunch box in hand, covered in dirt, sore and tired. But dad had a father's devotion. He still somehow had the energy to take me fishing for the evening. I can recall a good number of summer evenings on nearby lakes, watching the sun go down while I hoped for one last bluegill.

My dad is a hero to me. Grenade shrapnel and valor in battle in Korea earned him a Bronze Star and Purple Heart, but he never advertised it. His pride in serving in the infantry's second division was a different story. "Second to none," dad always said in pride.

Outdoors With The ED

by
Craig Springer



I'd like to think that I share his work ethic and his devotion to family and country.

As I sit in the comforts of my office and watch buildings go up downtown, I am reminded of dad and the sacrifices he made for others. I am also reminded of the words of our nation's first forester, Gifford Pinchot. Pinchot wrote in his 1939 book *Fishing Talk*, "Whenever you go, and whenever you can, take the youngster along."

That's good advice, and I'm glad my dad got me outdoors. It made a difference in me, bending the twig that would become a tree. I can't thank my dad enough for introducing me to the sporting life. And that's advise that outdoor communicators should heed, too. We need to be mindful that the interest we share in conservation is not just for the near-term: next year's blue grouse season or how CWD will affect hunting next year. There's a long horizon out there in our youth that we should be mindful of.

Following Guy Sagi's lead, I will ask the board in Denver to consider establishing a committee to promote youth hunting and fishing. Sagi has already proposed to the fish and game agencies in Arizona and Nevada that they create "trophy" youth hunts whereby contestants compete with the pen. We, RMOWP members, can judge entries and make the awards.

It's in the younger set that the future lies. We need to be thinking about them.

Directory Update

Note: The web site is your best source for accurate directory listings.

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RMOWP Denver Conference 2002 Information

It is not too late to register and attend the Annual Conference!

The Travelodge Denver West, 11595 W. 6th Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80215, has extended their \$69 rate until June 3, 2002. Be sure to identify yourself as a member of RMOWP to get the rate. This rate includes their free breakfast buffet (Note change from previous information which stated evening meals). Call Betty Minor (303-279-6829) by June 1st and tell her your last minute details and then follow up with your registration form (page 11) and payment as well as making Travelodge reservations at 303-238-7751. (If you receive this newsletter after June 1, call Betty ASAP. Heritage Square reservations must be made on June 1 and the van reservations soon thereafter.)

The Travelodge Denver West is north of Simms/Union Exit from 6th Avenue Freeway.

Conference Check-in will be in Room 401 at the Travelodge Denver West between noon and 5 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12.

Please check-in to confirm several meal options. The Wednesday 5 p.m. mixer and happy hour will be in this same room.

BBQ Changed to Friday Evening.

We had an opportunity to use an indoor facility for the BBQ and thought we should take advantage of it since afternoon thunderstorms are common in the Denver area during June. Also note a number of additions to the workshop agenda.

Keep up-to-date with Conference Activities by reviewing www.rmowp.org.

Camping Spots for RV Loving Members

R.V. Parks in the vicinity of the Conference site:
Golden Clear Creek RV Park: 1400 10th St.,

phone 303-278-1437

Full hook-ups \$31.00/night (\$27.90 w/ Good Sam)

Electric only \$27.00 (\$24.30 w/ Good Sam)

This is a lovely quiet park on the creek, adjacent to a city park with swimming pools, tennis courts, and hiking trails. The only problem, they do not take reservations and are usually full. However the manager said if you call after 10 a.m., he will save a site if available for that day with a credit card number.

Prospect RV Park: 11600 W. 44th Ave., phone 303-424-4414

Full hook-ups \$30.00

Electric & water: \$24-26

If you stay 6 nights the 7th is free. This is a nice, quiet park, adjacent to an open space park with hiking trails

Dakota Ridge RV Park: 17700 W. Colfax, phone 303-279-1625 or 800-398-1625

Full hook-ups only \$33.00 (\$30 w/ Good Sam)

This is a large (141 sites) new park w/ paved sites, probably the closest to the conference site. pet restrictions.

If you have any questions, please contact Betty Minor at 303-279-6829 or bettyrminor@aol.com.

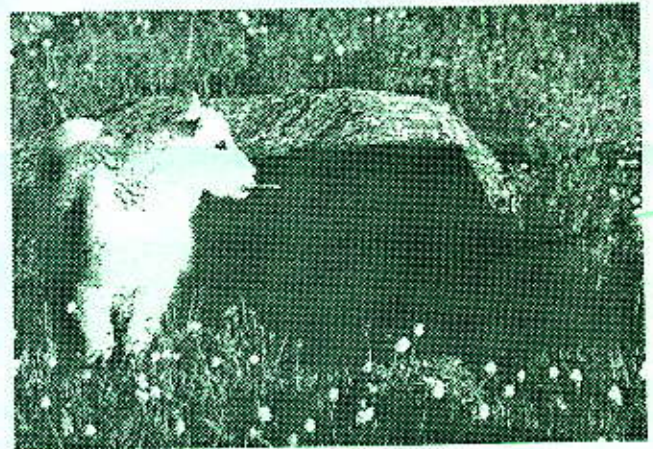
Remember to Bring Auction Items!

Don't forget to bring items for the Saturday auction at the RMOWP conference. The auction is the major source of income for our scholarship program, and during each of the last few years sales have exceeded \$1,000.

Auction items can be almost anything, and they do not have to be restricted to outdoor writing or photography. Got an old chess set? That's an auction item. Don't know what to do with that ugly vase Auntie Tillie gave you? Donate it to the auction. Auctioneer John Catsis will sell it and everything else. Hey, it's better than seeing Catsis remove a piece of his clothing. No one wants that to happen, so make sure you bring an item or two. And, oh yes, don't forget your checkbook and a good sense of humor, because John is known for his good natured insults.

Photo Shoot with Jack Olson

You'll have to get up early, but as we all know that is one of the best times for great photos. Jack, who has been taking photos in this area longer than he can remember, will find you some unique camera locations, with lots of color, texture, and long shadows. Knowing Jack, you can expect some great tips on composition, exposure, and perspective. There is no need to sign up—just show up at 5:30 a.m. outside the Travelodge.



Lunch Time

Photo by Jack Olson

Writers, Attention!

from Anne Sullivan

Once again the annual conference will feature a writing critique session. It's scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Don't bring your very best work; instead, bring something you are having trouble with or something you have a question about. The other writers are there to help you with good ideas or to reinforce your own good ideas. Speaking of other writers, it would really be valuable if some of our more established writers came and critiqued. We would certainly benefit.

Please bring seven copies of your work. Try to keep it five pages or under, double-spaced.

And, of course, there will be a writing contest on the conference itself. Something you saw, something you learned, something that inspired you. Maybe even something you ate. Something. The rules will be announced at our first meeting. The entries will be due at noon on Saturday and the winners will be announced and awarded with something at the Awards Banquet.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN OUTDOOR WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

CONFERENCE 2002

JUNE 12-15, 2002

Conference Headquarters - Travelodge Denver West (6th and Simms) 11595 West 6th Ave.

Conference Meetings - US Forest Service Auditorium (next door to Travelodge West) 740 Simms Street

Registration Form on Page 11

Wednesday, 6/12

Afternoon Registration in Room 401 at Travelodge Denver West (6th and Simms)

2:00-5:00p.m. Board Meeting- Forest Service Auditorium

5:00p.m. Mixer and Happy Hour (Travelodge Denver West) Room 401

6:00p.m. Dinner on your own

7:30p.m. Photo contest Slide Presentation - Forest Service Auditorium

Thursday, 6/13

5:30-7:30a.m. Photo Shoot with Jack Olson

8:00a.m. Welcome and Comments – Forest Service Auditorium
Rick Cables, Regional Forester – Rocky Mt. Region
John Blankenship, Deputy Regional Director, USF&WS, Mountain-Prairie Region
Announcements and schedule briefing—including election results

9:00a.m. Workshop
“Outdoor Photography Publishing” by John Fielder (Westcliffe Publishing)

10:00a.m. Break

10:20a.m. Workshop
“How to Gain an Editor's Attention” by Burt Carey, Editor of Rocky Mountain Game and Fish

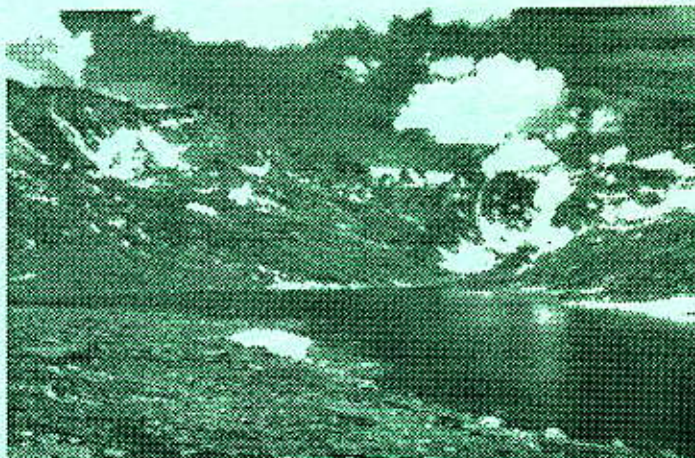
11:30a.m. Lunch Break - on your own

1:00p.m. Field Trip (By vans – Leave the driving to us)
1. Colorado Railroad Museum (www.crrm.org)
2. Dinosaur Ridge National Natural Landmark (www.dinoridge.org)

5:00p.m. Dinner on your own

7:15p.m. Meet at Hotel and leave for Heritage Square Music Hall, Golden. (Show time is 8:00 p.m.) Transport by van from Travelodge Denver West

Echo Lake below the summit of Mt. Evans
Photo by Maryann Gaug



CONFERENCE 2002 (continued)

Friday 6/14

Field Trip all day. On registration form indicate your preferred option. Box lunch can be ordered. Van available and suggested for each trip.

Option 1: Mount Evans via the highest paved road in North America. Presentations by Forest Service and Colorado Division of Wildlife personnel. Many photo opportunities including mountain goats and bighorn sheep and mountain vistas (www.coloradobyways.colorado.edu, www.wildernet.com, www.mtevans.com)

Option 2: A fishing and educational trip to Lily Lake (south of Estes Park) where the greenback cutthroat trout have been restored. Chances to get story ideas and write about it for a national audience. Biologist from USF&WS, National Park Service and members of Trout Unlimited will be available for interviews and photos.

- 6:00p.m. BBQ at Maple Grove Park Arbor House, 14,600 W. 32nd Street, Golden (This park is adjacent to the Minors home)
- 7:30p.m. Board meeting with new board members – Arbor House (at Park)
NOTE: Board meeting changed from Sunday morning to Friday night!!!!
- 7:30p.m. Colorado Camera Visitation. Dave Shrum (a former RMOWP member) has invited all not involved in the Board meeting to visit their business and see the latest innovations in film/digital photo processing. They are only a few miles from the Maple Grove Park and easy to find.

Saturday 6/15

- 8:00a.m. General Membership Meeting - Forest Service Auditorium
- 9:30a.m. Break
- 10:00a.m. Workshop – Forest Service Auditorium
"Existing Light Photography - Taking Pictures in Subdued Light" by William Innman
- 11:30a.m. Lunch – on your own
- 1:00p.m. Workshops
Concurrent Sessions
1. Writers Critique Session – Moderated by Anne Sullivan – Travelodge Denver West
 2. "Photographing Fish for the Freelance Photographer and Writer" by Ron Belak, Forest Service Auditorium
- 2:00p.m. "Outdoorsmen are from Mars; Outdoorswomen are from Venus" by Karen Roop, Editor of Women in the Outdoors, and representative of Supporting Member, The National Wild Turkey Federation. Forest Service Auditorium
- 3:00p.m. "Newsstand Nuances: Reading Magazines for Sales" by Mike Schoby, Content Managing Editor of Cabelas.com and Burt Carey, Editor of Rocky Mountain Game and Fish
- 4:00p.m. Auction to raise money for the Scholarship Fund. John Catsis, Auctioneer
- 6:00p.m. Banquet and Awards Presentation at Travelodge Denver West

Sunday 6/16 Happy Father's Day! **NOTE: Board meeting changed from Sunday morning to Friday night!!!!**

Scholarship Winner

By Jeff Pederson

The 2002 RMOWP recipient of the Scott McKenna Memorial Scholarship is Nancy Cook, who is working toward an MFA at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks. She works as a seasonal ranger for the Wrangell-Elias National Park and Preserve. She has a bachelor's degree from Evergreen State College (1992), which included previous studies at the University of Washington.

Ms. Cook has some publishing credits, including a 1994 book, "An Interpretive Hike from McCarthy Creek to the Kennicott Glacier Face" and articles on ants, waterfowl and

mountains. She is also a part-time writing instructor; an EMT; and is bilingual in Spanish.

I will be arranging with Sue Baker to have a \$500.00 check sent to the University for her account, which is what the board wanted, instead of just giving a check to the person. I have heard nothing about a \$500.00 anonymous donation for this fund this year...HAS ANYONE? If this surfaces, I guess we can always send a second \$500.00 check later. In recent years it has been \$1000.00 at times.

We had 12 entries this year, which is good compared to last year. I am sure this is due to the internet exposure and personal contacts made by some members

Beloved Member Augie Schmuhl Dies

By John Catsis

August C. "Augie" Schmuhl died on Thursday, May 9, at his home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, at the age of 90.

He was a good friend, and I'd like to tell you about him. Newer members don't know him, because a few years ago he stopped attending our conferences, as it had become difficult to travel.

Augie, as he wanted to be called, retired from a successful real estate business in New Jersey in the early 1980's. Well before then, he had fallen in love with the West, and especially New Mexico. So he and his wife, Lucille, moved into a Santa Fe home with a gorgeous garden and an equally gorgeous view of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains.

He also fell in love with western writers, photographers and artists. Thus it was natural for him to become a member of both the New Mexico Outdoor Writers and Photographers Association and RMOWP. He recruited me as a member in 1983, and promptly went around introducing me to other Santa Fe area outdoor writers and taking me to historic sites. That was Augie...always enthusiastic.

Augie started the first RMOWP auction in 1983. At that time, proceeds benefited the RMOWP circulating library, which he also started and shepherded with gusto. He served on the board of directors from 1983-86. In 1985, he initiated the Selected Works Awards for both writing and photography. The following year, he was the recipient of RMOWP's Sparkplug Award. As a member of the Santa Fe Rotary Club, Augie began an "Artist of the Year" program, honoring notable Santa Feans in the arts. As Augie saw it, this included photographers.

In 1999, as Augie's health failed, the RMOWP board named him an honorary member.

My friend, Augie, is survived by his wife, Lucille, also an RMOWP member and for many years its official calligrapher, and two sons.

More Memories of Augie

By Jack Samson

August "Augie" Schmuhl, 90, an honorary member of RMOWP, died Thursday, May 9th at his home in Santa Fe. He was born to Gustave August and Pansy Schmuhl Dec. 6, 1911 in Newark, N.J. He and his wife, Lucille, retired to Santa Fe in 1978 from New Jersey, where he had his real estate firm in the suburban town of Chatham. In 1981, as director of community service in the Santa Fe Rotary Club, he initiated the club's popular annual Artists Award with Fremont Ellis as the club's first honoree. He served as advisory board chairman of the Santa Fe Salvation Army and was also a member of the Santa Fe Don Quixote Club. He and his wife would have celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary next month. Memorial services were held May 14th at McGee Memorial Chapel in Santa Fe.

Does anyone have a picture of Augie for the next newsletter?



John Catsis, Auctioneer

Photo by Maryann Gaug

Web Master's Corner

By Phil Springer

This is your friendly web master with the State of the Rocky Mountain Outdoor Writers and Photographers Web Site Address. Looking forward to the 2002 RMOWP Annual Conference? I am looking forward to the workshops and other events.

Photographer of the Month...a slide presentation of photo works of our members. This has been a good feature for us. With the exception of one month I have had a new photographer each month for almost a year now. Our May photographer is recent new member Thomas H. Whetten and in June we will feature new member Thomas Peña. Please go online to read the detailed requirements or contact me if you are interested. I would like to feature some backpacking, rock climbing, camping, etc. July and September and beyond are open at the moment. Come into my photo parlor and help me show off your work.

Featured Outdoor Story...unpublished works from our talented membership. Maybe an editor/publisher will like what they see. I mentioned I was concerned about the longevity of this feature last time because of lack participation. Well, two days after I wrote that I received two articles from new member Joel Evans and just a couple of weeks ago I received another story

from member John E. Axelson. So I guess I'll let it live awhile-longer...thanks guys.

Membership and Supporting Members' online directories are up-to-date. We now have 143 members and 30 supporting members. Please welcome our 12 new members and two new supporting members since the last newsletter. The new members as usual will be listed in this newsletter and for more detailed information visit our membership directories.

I CANNOT STRESS ENOUGH HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO PLEASE REVIEW THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORIES AND SEND ME CHANGES OF EMAIL, PHONE, ADDRESSES, etc. ...PLEASE ...PLEASE ...PLEASE. phil@rmowp.org

If you haven't seen it yet, we have two new features. The first is named "Discussion Group." It's a new tool for us to help each other through interaction regarding questions we might have about writing or photography. Just post your question and perhaps an experienced answer will come your way. After you post your question, be sure check it later to see if your answer awaits you. Simply click the menu item "Discussion Group" on the menu bar and you are on your way. The second is the "Business of Communicating" which is intended to inform our members about business practices such as taxes, insurance, copyrights, ethics, etc. Just click "Business of Communicating" in the Members only section of the site.

ANNE SULLIVAN: FROM BROADWAY TO DATIL A JOURNEY OF DEDICATION AND PASSION

By John Catsis

Anne Sullivan leaves the post of RMOWP Secretary next month after serving six years in that demanding position. But that's Anne; a person who has always been dedicated, caring, and passionate. She has conducted RMOWP's business from her home in Datil, a sleepy, one-gas-station village in west central New Mexico that she's called home for the past 15 years. Long time friends are not surprised about her lifestyle. It reflects what RMOWP is all about. And to know Anne is to recognize that she has had a love affair with the West ever since she was child. She was introduced to the Rocky Mountain area during an annual grade school course that involved a six-week study of Indians. That school was in New York City—Manhattan to be exact—where Anne was born to a surgeon and a housewife mother. An only child, the tendency might have been to pamper her. But when dad joined the military during World War II, Anne became an Air Corps brat. Quite the opposite of being pampered, the experience taught her independence.

Anne's other love was theater. While in high school, she thought of becoming a playwright, but decided that working behind the scenes was more satisfying. She honed her skills at prestigious Smith College in Massachusetts, where she received a degree in theater. As you read this, Anne may be attending her 50th class reunion this month.

For the first three years following graduation, Anne worked as an apprentice stage manager on off-Broadway productions. Life was tough, but she got by, thanks to that independent streak, living in a cold-water flat in Manhattan's Little Italy. Her big break came when Anne became second assistant stage manager in the Broadway production of "Inherit the Wind," starring Paul Muni and Tony Randall. Life became better with her new \$85 a week salary.

Anne's third love was travel. Within a short time she had saved enough money to go around the world. She hitch hiked over much of New Zealand and Australia. She stayed in Australia for a year, working as a stage manager in both Sydney and Melbourne.

But with Broadway still on her mind, she returned to New York, where Anne obtained her first leadership position as production stage manager. The show, "Cabaret," was a touring

show that performed all over the country. She found that she liked being on the road. Over the years, as she worked one road show after another, Sullivan learned two things about herself: First, working on a touring show meant she could live anywhere in America. Second, whenever a show performed west of the Mississippi River, "I was happy," but the closer the show was to the East Coast, "I became sad."

That's when she decided to search for a new home in New Mexico, which Anne determined was her favorite state. As she initially checked out the state's various towns, she concluded her ideal community had to have a library, movie theater, swimming pool, and a JC Penney department store. That was obviously well before discovering Datil!

At one point she decided the Socorro area was the place. So in 1970 she bought a small house in nearby Lemitar for the princely sum of \$2,700. Sullivan lived there for the next 17 years.

During that time, Anne broke all ties with New York, when she gave up her Manhattan apartment in 1976. Ten years later, she worked as production stage manager for the last time, overseeing the touring show "La Cage aux Folles." The following year she moved to Datil, where she had purchased 40 acres and the 74-year-old log home she lives in now, located at the end of a box canyon amid towering pines, just a mile-and-a-quarter south of U.S. Highway 60.

She was convinced she had made the right decision. First, "Lemitar was just too hot in the summer." And second, she had fallen in love with the site of her much larger new home.

Now in Datil for good, Anne's goal was to read all the books she'd always wanted to read. A tour of her house confirms there's a lot of reading to be done, and a lot of music to listen too, as well, as evidenced by the hundreds of audio cassettes found throughout the sprawling home. But always energetic, Anne soon became involved in the community, joining the EMT.

Ten years ago, Anne Sullivan joined RMOWP as a recruit of Kelly Gatlin, who lives nearby. The organization was just what she needed to re-ignite the writing bug that had first bitten her in high school. "Way down deep," she confided, "it's what I always wanted to do; especially humor."

She has written three major articles and nine short stories for New Mexico Magazine. Other stories have appeared in New Mexico Wildlife and Route 66 Magazine, among other publications. Her dog, Silva, which she describes as a mutt, also has taken pen in paw and writes an occasional article for the local paper. Her cat, Ringworm, and horse, Brandy, have yet to follow suit.

While her term as RMOWP Secretary ends this June, she continues to serve as President of the New Mexico Outdoor Writers and Photographers Association, a post she has held three times. See what I mean about dedication and passion? One tour of duty just isn't enough.

Her future goal is to write and publish even more, especially a children's book. After that she wants to go to China, one of the countries she did not visit during her post-collegiate around-the-world tour.

Meanwhile, Anne readily welcomes RMOWP members as visitors as well as those from her theatrical past. And she is quick to correct anyone who mispronounces the name of her home town. Dat in Datil rhymes with Cat, she reminds.

Anne Sullivan shows no signs of slowing down, but when she does, she says she probably will move back to Lemitar, where health facilities in nearby Socorro are more convenient. That would close another chapter in the life of the girl from the Big Apple who ended up in the Big Canyon.

Datil be enough.



Anne Sullivan in her house in Datil, NM

Photo by John Catsis

MEMBER NEWS

RMOWP Photo Workshop Cancelled!

By John Catsis

As of this date, I have officially cancelled the photo workshop scheduled for June 5-9, 2002 at Rocky Mountain National Park.

The reason: an insufficient number of enrollees. We only had one paid enrollee, despite almost 1500 hits during the month of April on our workshop web page!!!

I have refunded the lone enrollee's registration, and notified Kodak, Nikon and the YMCA of the Rockies. We will be receiving a deposit refund of "up to \$233." I will be canceling our bank account in the next day or two.

Ken Wyatt Published Online

Ken's article, "Photographing Garden of the Gods," was published in the May issue of the online magazine, www.naturephotographers.net. Enjoy it!

Guy Sagi Named NRA Executive Editor

Guy Sagi has been named Executive Editor of three National Rifle Association publications: Shooting Sports, Shooting Illustrated, and Insights. Sagi has been replaced by Wayne van Zwoll as editor at Mule Deer Magazine.

Craig Springer Wins Ohio Awards

At the Outdoor Writers of Ohio conference in May, Craig Springer took Magazine Column of the Year with his quarterly column in *Flyfisher*, called Conservation Watch. He also garnered a third-place award for Best Magazine Article, a story in *RANGE* magazine on the imperiled Apache trout.

More Bylines in FlyFisher

After the April/May newsletter was mailed, an email arrived mentioning that *Flyfisher* magazine had not three, but five RMOWP bylines in its Spring issue. The other two bylines were Jack Samson and Joel Evans.

Let's Talk

From Craig Springer

Got a rant? Got a rave? Need some help? Let's talk about it. In the spirit of service, our web page offers yet another reason to turn on the computer. Need a tip from a seasoned pro, or trying to find an editor? Click on the Discussion link, then stroke the keys. It's easy to use, so log on, tune in, talk away.

Gaug's New Book Proves Value Of Conference

By Al Marlowe

Had *Rocky Mountain Outdoors* Editor Maryann Gaug not attended the Tucson conference in 1999, her just released book *Hiking Colorado III* may never have been printed. Tucson is where Gaug learned that Scott Adams of Beachway (now Globe-Pequot Press) was in search of guidebook authors. Her proposal for a Colorado hiking guide was accepted and after three years of exploring trails, writing, revising, and waiting out a change of ownership, her book is now available at your favorite store.

The first thing that's impressive about *Hiking Colorado III* is that it has so much information (412 pages) for \$17.95. The guide describes a variety of trails found throughout the state, from the eastern plains to the mountains, so there is something for hikers in every region of Colorado.

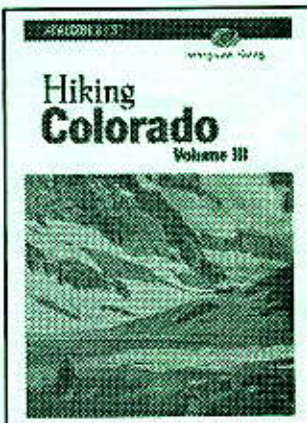
Each trail is covered with detailed text, informing the reader of conditions, distance, difficulty, and more. A route map shows the trails and includes lat/lon waypoints for GPS users. Elevation changes are illustrated in profile.

Sidebars accompany descriptions that tell of interesting historical events, the nature and geology of the trails, and useful hints for hikers. Each description ends with a list of contacts and resources for each area, including needed maps, accommodations, restaurants, and local events.

The final section of the book includes information on hazards and emergencies, Leave No Trace hiking and camping, hiking with children and dogs, and sidebar lists of recommended items to include in a daypack, backpack, and first aid kit. The guide is well illustrated with photos.

When visiting new areas it is prudent to know what to expect. *Hiking Colorado III* fills this need. Even if a person doesn't plan to hike the described trails, the reader will be well informed and entertained regarding Colorado's backcountry.

There are probably a few RMOWP members who have an idea for a book or two but aren't certain where to begin to get it published. As Gaug discovered, the annual conference is a good place to start.



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New Members		New Members	
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		Can't Log into RMOWP Website? The user name is <i>rmowp</i> , and the password is <i>freelance</i> .	

Supporting Member News

National Wild Turkey Federation Joins RMOWP

RMOWP welcomes new Supporting Member, the National Wild Turkey Federation. The South Carolina-based NWTF has 450,000 members across the U.S. and Canada. The NWTF supports scientific wildlife management on lands public and private, as well as wild turkey hunting as a traditional North American sport. Since 1985, the NWTF and cooperators have spent over \$150 million on more than 18,000 projects benefiting wild turkeys, game, and nongame animals throughout North America. Hunters have also benefited as the NWTF has worked tirelessly to support our hunting heritage and protect and promote laws that increase hunting opportunity and safety. The NWTF publishes five magazines: Turkey Call, Women in the Outdoors, Wheelin' Sportsmen, JAKES, and The Caller. To learn more, visit www.nwtf.org; contact Karen Roop at kroop@nwtf.net.

Government Reports Marine Fish Recovering *Investments of Conservation-minded Anglers Begin to Pay Off* from American Sportfishing Association

In testimony before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Resources, Dr. William Hogarth, head of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announced that the number of marine fish stocks that are in jeopardy has declined for the first time since reporting began in 1997. The number of fish stocks affected by overfishing fell to 93 from last year's record high of 107.

Copies of the NMFS report to Congress entitled *Toward Rebuilding America's Marine Fisheries* is available online at: www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/reg_svcs/Status02.pdf.

Ducks Unlimited Conserves 10 Million Acres

May 7, 2002 - Ducks Unlimited recently conserved its 10 millionth acre of waterfowl habitat in North America. The conservation group was started just 65 years ago by a small group of sportsmen, and has since become the largest wetland and waterfowl conservation organization in the world, conserving habitat throughout Canada, the United States, Mexico, and in key areas of the Caribbean.

Look for Ducks Unlimited on the World Wide Web at www.ducks.org.

2002 U.S. Farm Bill increases spending for conservation programs

"This is a huge accomplishment for conservation," said Ducks Unlimited's Executive Vice President, D.A. (Don) Young. Ducks Unlimited, the Memphis based waterfowl and wetlands conservation group, has been outspoken in its support for farmland conservation programs. "Since our inception, our most effective wildlife conservation programs start on the farm with cooperating landowners," said Mr. Young. "By supporting Farm Bill programs like the Conservation Reserve Program and the

Wetlands Reserve Program, the U.S. Congress is advocating a strong commitment to farmer conservationists, the hands on stewards of the land," continued Young.

Log onto www.ducks.org/conservation/crp.asp to learn about the conservation title of the U.S. Farm Bill.

Editor's note: Craig Springer is courting Ducks Unlimited as a Supporting Member.

Essential Maps Available Online from Maptech

Martin Fox, PR Manager for Maptech, sent a reminder to all writers to consider reminding your audience -- all outdoor adventurers -- on the value a good map or chart.

It's smart and it can be very useful if problems come up. This is a message that can be used on radio or in your columns. See if it's useful to you. Thanks.

Is it time for your next outdoor adventure?

Whether you hike or sea-kayak, fish or hunt, bird-watch or boat it's smart and safer to have a good map.

Get a free topographic map or marine chart at the Maptech web site, www.maptech.com.

Print it out, leave a copy at home or email it - let friends know your plans.

This can be really useful if the weather changes or if something really unexpected happens and you need help.

You know the old story "Better safe than sorry"—and it's free at www.maptech.com

Questions, please let me know. Thanks. Martin

From Craig Springer: RMOWP members can download a map on the web page under Members Information; go to RMOWP Members then Supporting Members, then look for the Maptech map server information.

Join Ithaca Gun at the National Rifle Association's Annual Meetings and Exhibits

Ithaca Gun® will be displaying at the 2002 Reno NRA Convention in Reno NV. Our Booth number is 1185 and we will have the first samples of two new models. The 20 Ga. Deerslayer III and the 12 ga. Turkeyslayer® II QuadBore™. The world's first free floated target weight barrel turkey gun. It uses the unique new QuadBore™ barrel system which dramatically reduces pellet deformation. This creates a dense even pattern by greatly reducing flyers due to deformed pellets.

We hope you and any members of your sale staff who are attending the show drop by to see what is new, what is improved and what the American Hunter wants from Ithaca Gun®.

Log on to www.ithacagun.com for product information.

Editor's Note: This announcement arrived in late April with no date for the Reno NRA Convention. Neither website had info. on the convention so it may have happened already.