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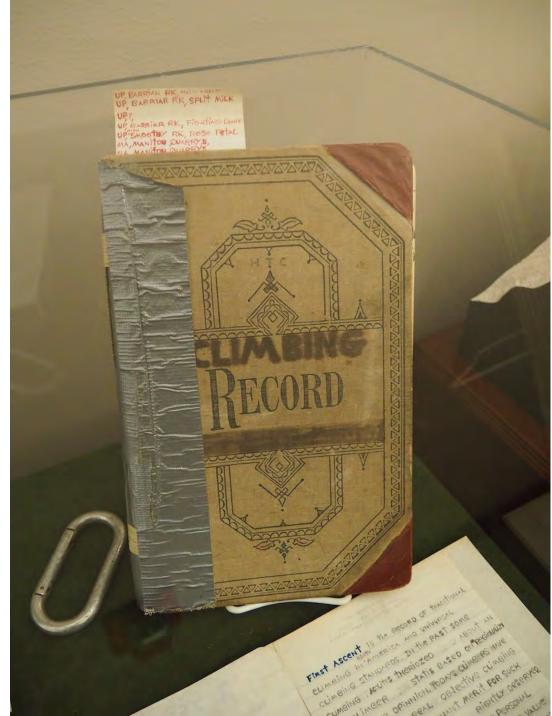
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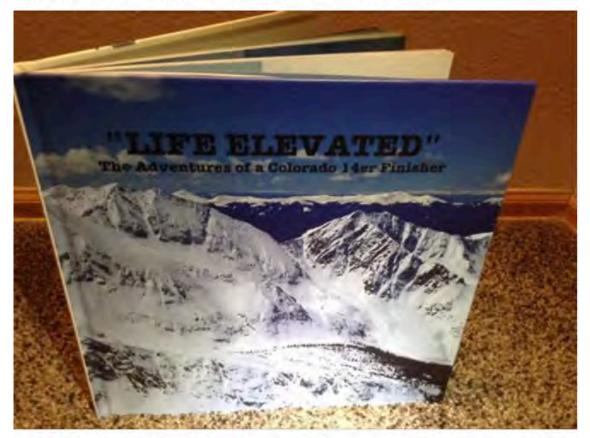
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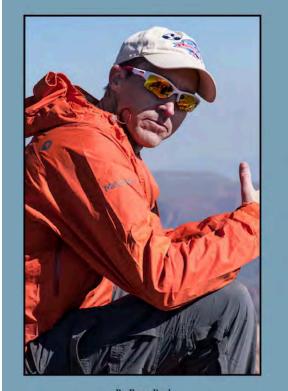
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About 1/2 way through my journey to hitting all 58 summits, I had the idea to compose a journal/history of each climb. This become a fun project. Just came in the mail. Way too much time was probably taken to do this. I invited many of my fellow partners (several I met on the .com or on the FB site) to share their experiences also. The book ended up at 275 pages, 300 pictures and over 65,000 words of experiences and adventures. One kickin trip report! For those that have finished, or are working on your list, what are you doing as a keepsake?





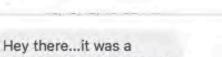
By Ryan Paul

Be humble enough to respect the mountain, but confident enough to climb it." It was an incredible journey.





Ryan Paul



project that I loved to put together. I will send u a copy...no need to pay for it. It will be a pdf but will come over via my transfer because it is a little large. Obviously because it is a personal thing you will have to deal with lots of my ugly





The 2016 NCTE Presidential Address What Arts of Language Matter Now?

Doug Hesse University of Denver

My talk begins in sorrow and ends in hope.1 It starts with a blunt question: "How do we teach reading and writing at a moment when traditional assumptions about the effective use of language seem so naïve, so wrong?" How do we teach when evidence and reasoning, eloquence and ethics seem optional?

Let me be concrete. Consider a picture (see Figure 2) taken November 6, 2016, by Reuters photographer Figure 1.



Jonathan Ernst in Minneapolis. It contains a multimodal composition, consisting of T-shirt and six words in American Typewriter font, white and red, caps and lowercase: "Rope. Tree. Journalist. Some assembly required." These six words, and a host of similar tweets, memes, blogs, spray paints, stickers, and so forth, now apparently persuade as effectively as more traditional editorials, articles, and

extended analyses.

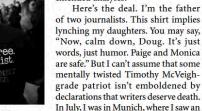


FIGURE 2. Jonathan Ernst/Reuters

exhibit filled with posters and written artifacts from that city in the 1930s, with foreboding effect.

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Good friends are indispensable in this life, both necessity and tuxury. I knew Ryan was extremely busy this year with both wedding plans and a trip to Peru, so I'd assumed a prior tall about him repeating Lizard Head to lead me up was not in the cards. But when I omitted

FIGURE 9. Steve Cummins

Americans have two lives. One is a political life that relies mainly on categorical absolutes and abstractions, such

as "the social safety net" or "Making American Great Again." The other is a neighborhood life that relies on the concrete, on actions and events, dayto-day, idiosyncratic, often mundane, encounters mainly removed from the sphere of politics. My Denver neighbor, Miguel, may vote for someone else, but we share a fence and a grapevine. We talk about dogs and pass information about new craft beers we've seen at the place down the block.

We have figured out how to live into lives as readers and writers.

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of this.

and I doubt any profit for him. This

is writing made for expression and community-and not community rallied around political ideology or action. We need to value more

We need it to build a bigger

world of words, one populated by multi-dimensional people who write themselves into it. I take

my thinking from Nancy Rosen-

blum's recent book, Good Neigh-

bors. Rosenblum contends that

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FIGURE 10.

Rosenblum concludes that "Where

the democracy of everyday life fails to shape our encounters, we recognize plainly



FIGURE 11.

and painfully that the quality of life is deranged" (234). We can reduce others to abstractions. We can lose sight that a journalist is someone's daughter. In his novel Darkness at Noon, Arthur Koestler describes a bleak world in which a person is defined as "the quotient of one million divided by one million" (211). If we read and write only certain kinds of things-only arguments, only clickbait-we truncate the

possibility of neighborhood life. When

we write also about experiences, objects, and encounters, when we do so with curiosity, generosity, and what Keats called negative capability, we make ourselves more visible as individual people.

Everyday Writing and Implications for Teachers, Students, and Scholars NCTE Proposal, January 2017

How—and why—should English scholars and teachers attend to the vast varied practices of "everyday writing" that suffuse contemporary culture? Our talks will engage audience members in answering this question by exploring three sites of everyday writing, discussing how to study and teach about them, and offering

Everyday writings, often informal and self-sponsored, weave in and out of most people's work, personal, and social lives, in genres ranging from postcards to recipes, emails to lists, diaries to blogs, social media to case notes, scrapbooks to memoirs, comments, musings, greetings, poems, reactions, logs, and many more. Typically, these aren't the types of texts that get studied in classrooms, which focus on school genres ("papers" of various sorts), formalized (and idealized) civic genres, and, a few work genres.

In her recent book, *The Rise of Writing*, Deborah Brandt demonstrates how day-to-day writing has replaced reading as the dominant form of literacy. Brandt attends closely to workplace writing. Our panel will put our main attention on writing for personal, interpersonal, communal, and civic purposes.

In "Learning from the Museum of Everyday Writing," Kathi will showcase the online Museum of Everyday Writing (MoEW) and the kinds of learning it sponsors. Created by Florida State University graduate students, the Museum hosts multiple varieties of everyday writing--that composed for personal, social, and civic, purposes--ranging from tattoos, personal journals, and bathroom graffiti to wedding invitations, monthly calendars, and post-it notes. The Museum is more than a repository, however: it also serves as a site for undergraduate researchers taking up many tasks, from identifying and cataloging new artifacts, to curating special museum exhibits, and composing social media highlighting the MoEW. This presentation, then, asks: What have all of us--faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates--learned through creating and sustaining the Museum of Everyday Writing?

In "Learning from Writing in a Climbing Community," Doug will look at extensive writings circulated among a large group of mountain climbers. These writings range from technical questions, condition updates, trip reports, routes and advice, to photographs, stories and more. How are their purposes simultaneously immediate and function v. archival? What, if anything, performs a curatorial

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"Stories, Celebrations, Tips, Trips, and Fights:

Everyday Writing in a Climbing Community"

Douglas Hesse

Forthcoming 2020 in The South Atlantic Review, please don't circulate.

On Monday, August 22, 2017, Chris Hagler posted a plea on the 14ers

Facebook page. A couple of climbing friends, Ryan and Carlin, have gone missing on

Capitol Peak, a challenging 14,000' mountain near Aspen, Colorado, infamous for the

knife edge ridge on its standard (easiest, a relative term) route, with 2000-foot

dropoffs on either side. The climbers have been overdue a day. Within minutes,

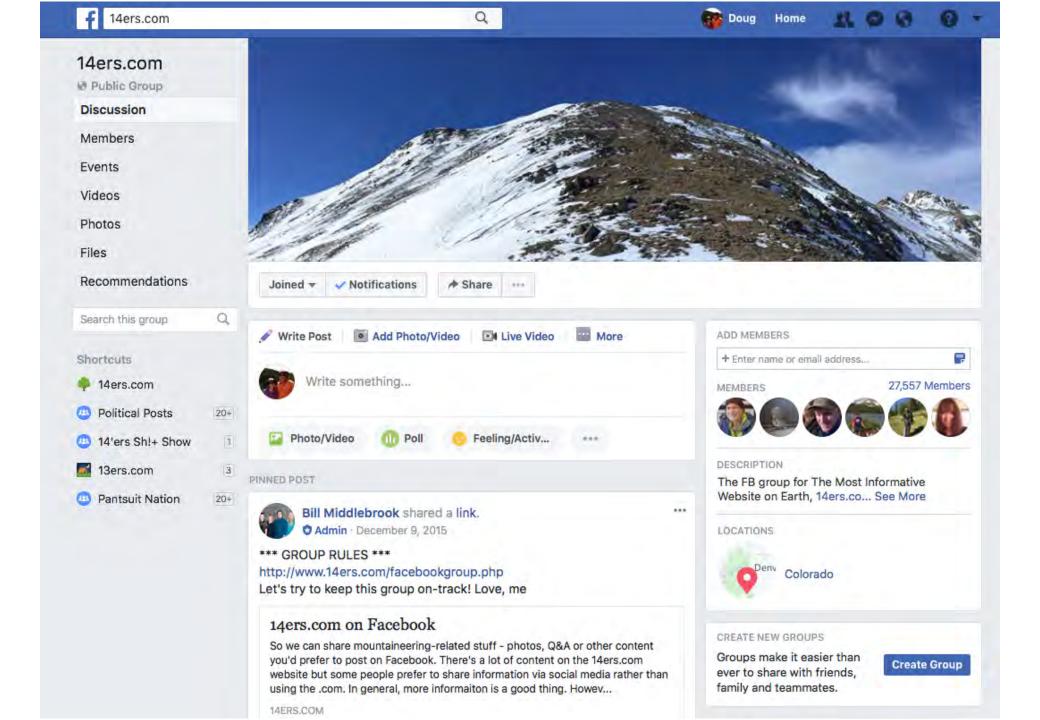
expressions of concern and offers for help start coming in. A few people who had

been on the mountain over the weekend share sightings and recall conversations

with the couple. Nate Oakes has seen them a half-mile from the trailhead at 4:45

Saturday. Walker Hines, who'd given them some batteries Saturday, has provided

Aspen Mountain Rescue with GPS waypoints to their tent. Updates come throughout









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Peak(s): Lizard Head - 13,113 feet

Date Posted: 03/08/2017 Modified: 03/10/2017 **Date Climbed:** 03/04/2017 Author: Monster5

Additional Members: Dominic-2, Boggy B





Winter Lizard Land

Living in a Winter Lizard-Land

Lizard Head from Wilson earlier this year



In severe need of mixed practice, Dominic Meiser and I thought we'd wander on down towards Ouray and Telluride and pick a reclusive bearded Boggyb up along the way. In truth, the recluse's wife paid us to watch him for the weekend. Payment via food - the best currency around. Done deal.

Lizard Head is a fun peak. A great peak. The World's Greatest Peak of 2017, politicos call it. Really, the thing is relatively dry with avy hazard near nil, so that's kind of yummy I guess.

We leave Casa de Boggy y Kylie in Montrose around 4:30 and start hiking by 6:45. It's already light and getting bright. "Any of you have any sunscreen?" Dull stares in reply. I guess we're used to the significant others carrying that sort of thing. Boggy did remember 4 pairs of

needs a 3? Crampons and tools; don't bother with the file as we plan on hooking rock.



A couple miles of packed Cross Mountain trail and an abrupt stop - switch on over to trenching. A couple more miles and only one and a half trench rotations between the three of us to the west ridge. Minor, straight-forward variations away from suspect slopes. Tensioncracked and creeping concave south slopes are avoided, if frozen in the morning.





Hi guys, I explored Kelso Ridge yesterday to reach the summit of Torreys Peak and wrote my very first trip report. Check it out, comment as you wish, but don't judge too harshly 29

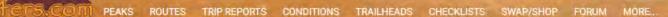
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1 J. Inness Hetzler, Ian Wright and 96 others

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Peak(s): Torreys Peak - 14,267 feet

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Not-So-Solo Day on Kelso Ridge

As cheesy as this sounds, I wanted to find a way to celebrate the one year anniversary of being laid off from a job that I absolutely hated. Kelso Ridge had been on my list for quite some time. I checked the weather earlier in the week and the stars began to align. However, I did have some reservations - I'm only a mildly experienced hiker, and this would be my third class 3 and only my second 14,000ft+ solo hike. After getting reassurance from quite a few people, and studying the route on the dot com like my life depended on it (because it did), I knew this would be the perfect way to celebrate.

So Friday night, I found myself furiously packing my car after a humorous soul cycle-esque class. I say humorous, because I still don't understand how to do pushups to the beat of the song while simultaneously biking with my legs while simultaneously trying to listen to the instructor while the music is blaring louder than an Abercrombie store. Perhaps THAT was the crux of my weekend.



My cozy little setup.

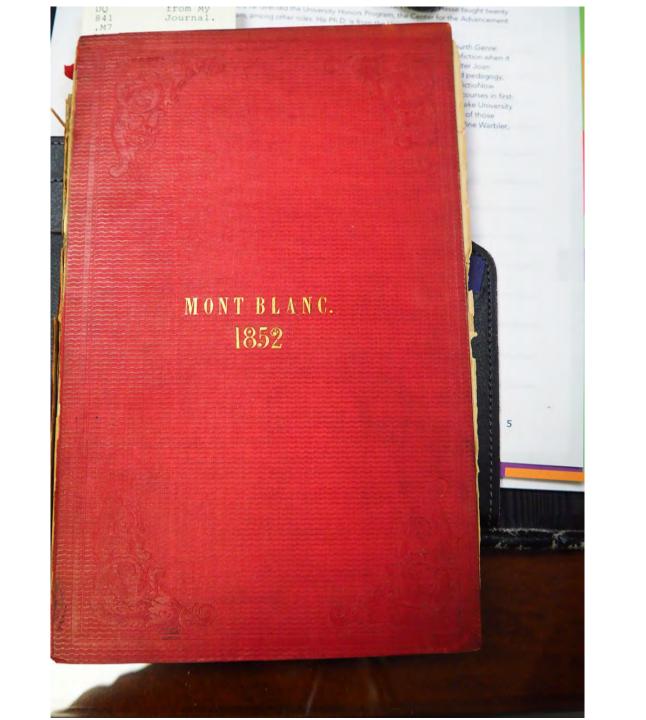
The rain pounded my windshield as I drove down 170, and the traffic slowed me down considerably. I sang along to the radio as I drove the familiar highway in the low visibility. Part of me was concerned for the amount of rain coming down - but I felt fairly reassured by the forecast, which showed a low-to-almost-no chance of rain for the morning. I also figured I had the option of just going up the standard route if I felt the rocks were too slippery. No matter what, my efforts would not go to waste.

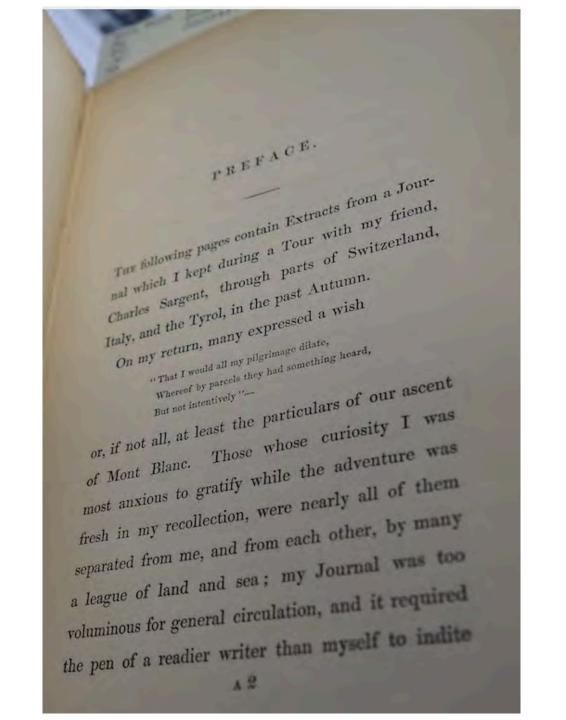


The Ellingwood variation is sunny, dry and tempting, but the bottom looks run out. Crampon climbing isn't my game, and especially not runout crampon scrabbling. On over to the standard W-facing 5.8+ route. A left facing chimney with a fist and wide fists crack, punctuated by
a small bulge with tricky feet to enter said crack. Above is an awkward run-out angled chimney of sorts. This pitch generally gives me a bit
of hesitation when dry, so I kind of want to don my pansy pants, rehydrate from my sippy cup and throw on Boggy's extra rock shoes to
lead it. I'm pretty sure I caught a peek at rock shoes amidst Boggy's seven pairs of shoes anyways. But a bit of jibing and the need for
practice trump. A tool and pons are sufficient. The first step is easy enough with a solid hook. The bulge is the crux. I wedge my way up a
little chimney and look above. Clip a fixed piece and reach high to place the 4. Hmm. The next part looks awkward and I figure I'll have to
violate the crack in an unprofessional manner.

I try to hook some chockstones in the fist crack and they promptly blow. I try to hook some dirt above a big chock in the crack and get a mouthful of dirt. Yummy. Work the pons up higher and wedge on in, right crampon on a small ledge and left kneebarred between the bulge and wall. Fist jam and bump the protection a little higher. I need to get my feet up too. My usual left crimp is improbable with gloves. I scrape around for a hook and settle on a weird wedge thingy with a single crystal hook and the tool torqued sideways against the wall. Kind of a tool stem thing. Do mixed climbers have terminology for this stuff? I don't know. Climbing terminology seems like a seat of your pants affair.

I don't have any pictures of the crux so here's a picture of Old Lady Gladys





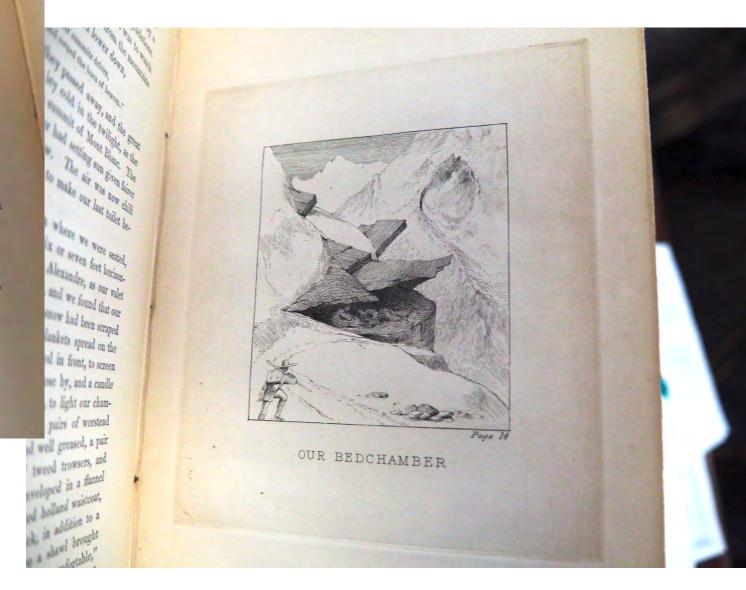
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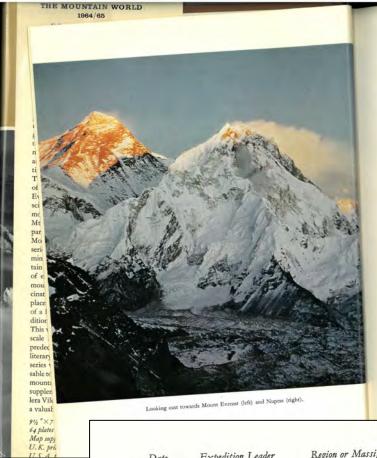
Mr. F. Sands, to whom I showed my Note Book containing Sketches made on our way up the mountain, suggested that some of them would form appropriate illustrations of the narrative. He very kindly volunteered to etch them for me, and has interpreted them most admirably.

J. R. BULWER.

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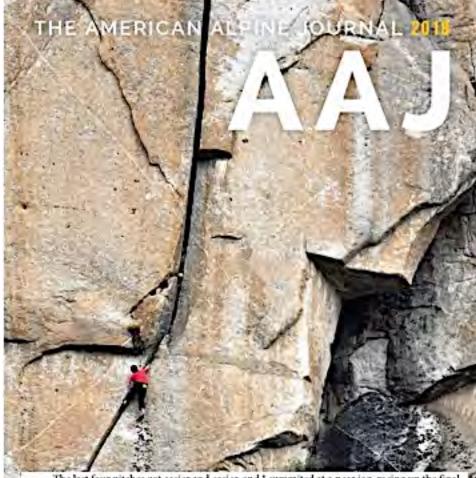
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The last four pitches got easier and easier, and I summitted at a near jog, racing up the final slab. Years of dreaming and several seasons of effort had all come together in 3 hours and 56 minutes of climbing. Id done the first free ascent of a very minor new route on El Cap. Id set some kind of speed record. But most importantly, Id finally climbed El Cap without a rope.

SUMMARY: Free solo of Freerider (33 guidebook pitches, with variations, 5.12d/13a) by Alex Honnold—the first free solo of one of the main faces of El Capitan in Yosemite Valley. Honnold climbed the route in 3 hours 56 minutes on June 3, 2017.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Alex Honnold, 33, is an aspiring sport climber.

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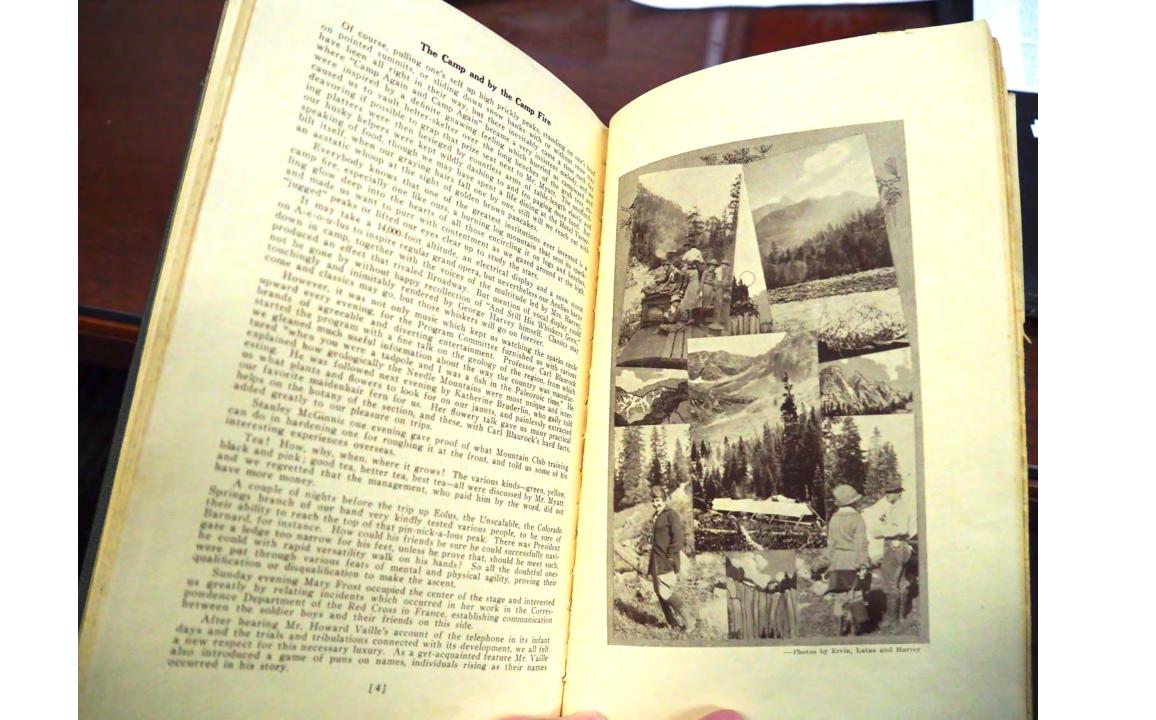
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

East Lawre W.

To: The Colorado Mountain (14) Subject: 7 Summits in One Day

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On August 27, 1969, I asmer: named mountains of 14,000 is the In the summer of 1968, Professor climbed five such peaks and dire

world's record. Several other percended six summits that summer.

Probably no one keeps any more this subject, but the CMC might be a ested in the account.

Mt. Sherman was begun seem dred yards below the Dauntless Mix I Lake was the starting point for the eminences surrounding it. Bientall-Evans were approached from G Pass. Climbing started at daybees ended at dusk. I was accompanied last five mountains by Mr. Mark Torre Kent, Ohio.

There are many who refuse to many this method of reaching mountain actually climbing them. Each person?

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achee an ascent in any way he wishes. a delice and at least a 3000 foot rise, on 2000 feet and some on 731 feet. och debates are really pointless. The Such procedure is to specify exactly what then others can duplicate, ex-

a pocity it as they wish. The question was raised as to whether the member of peaks might be reached der number day. Some time was lost in waiting to souther dimber. There would be more g enter in the summer. About 25 us was lost in driving from one spot to oder. Thus it would appear that eight ments might be attained in this fashion aring a daylight period. Of course, if a he be taken as climbing for 24 hours, then everal others might be added.

Perhaps someone has already done this. to, then my account is outdated.

Bruce Stewart Professor of Natural Science

Culver City, California

Daing the period from May 25 through exember 13 of this year I reached the elect elevation point of each of the 48 entiquous states. I am the third person reach all these points and the first to we done so within a single calendar year. Devitions gained ranged from Florida's \$45 feet above sea level (1) to California's Mr. Whitney at 14,495 feet. This undertaking required approximately 19,000 ales of highway driving and well over 600 miles of trail hiking and climbing.

Major technical climbs made during the are of the expedition included Gannett Peak (Wyoming), Granite Peak (Montana), Mt. Hood (Oregon), and Mt. Rainier (Washington). Considerable difficulty was occurred in finding and reaching some the lesser known Midwesteru "high" paints, I reached the summit of Mt. Elert on July 30.

At various stages, members of my expedition included the following climbers: Lynn Ashley, Mary Ashley, Tom Kimbrough, Barry Nash, and Les Stockton.

-Frank Ashley

Editor's Note-We hereby note the following mountain feats for the record:

Summer, 1959: Cleve McCarty climbed 54 fourteens in 54 days.

June 1965; Dick Walker climbed from Loveland Pass to Mt. Evans in 15 hours. 22 miles, over Grizzly, Torreys, Grays, Edwards, Argentine, Square Top, Bierstadt,

Aug. 2, 1969: Steve Caskill climbed nane fourteens in 24 hours, from noon Aug. 2 to noon Aug. 3: Evans and Bierstadt, Gravs and Torreys, Ouandary, Lincoln, Bross, and Democrat, and Sherman.

Aug. 16, 1969: Phil Settles and Dick Walker climbed Crestone Peak, Crestone Needle, Kit Carson, and Humboldt,1



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Has anyone done Quandary, Elbert, or Torrey's/Greys in the past few days? It's looking like tomorrow will be a good day to get one last 14er in before I leave Colorado, but not sure about how much snow there is up there...and I'm at work, so don't have time to look up info online. TIA! I really would like to get one more in, if conditions allow. (Don't have winter equipment, except the clothing...)



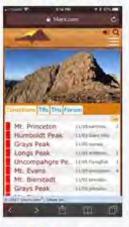




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Audie Medina Looks like 3/4 in question have recent condition reports..



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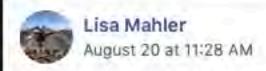
Colin Leipelt read the site. I just wrote condition report for grays and torreys on sunday, as did someone else.

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- Low prestige peaks
- Not from Colorado
- Didn't consult the dot com
- Lacks equipment



This is gonna come across as a "shit-starter" kind of post but it's honestly not my intent and I think it needs to be said. It seems to me that there's two groups of people here. Those that have been here (in the group and in Colorado) forever and those who are new. I'm new to the group but a native of Colorado. What I want to know, is why is there such a culture of negativity in this group towards the newcomers? So what if their first mountain is Bierstadt? Mine was, I'd just lost 70 pounds and it was REALLY hard for me. The comments minimize what for them/us is a MAJOR accomplishment. It's not like everyone is gonna start on Capitol... So what if their sole intent is to "do it for the gram"? They/we did it. We got out of bed and climbed a mountain. I understand the distaste for the crowds, but honestly, what makes you/us so special that your/our presence here first mean that you/we get to be the ones who decide who gets to participate in our public spaces and why. If you don't like the posts asking for advice for climbing G&T or the Bierstadt summit posts why not just scroll on by? Why do you need to yuck their yum? I understand the LNT and trail etiquette principles that need to be addressed, those aren't what I'm talking about here. Hike your own hike.

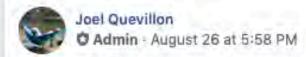


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First, if you haven't done so, read Melissa's Post.

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THE .COM

- This FBook group is directly connected to 14ers.com (Hey it's the name of the group).
- Most of you answered three questions about the .com before being allowed to join in order to familiarize yourself with the website.
- 3. The group rules state to check the .com for basic info.
- 4. So if you use the .com as your first resource, instead of asking basic questions here, you will cut down on the opportunities for snark. You avoid providing them ammunition. And you can learn something about 14ers.
- "Isn't asking questions here doing research?" For lack of a better word, no. Not for basic information. See the rules. Go to the .com.
- You, yes you, have a RESPONSIBILITY as a voluntary member of this group to check the .com first. That is what you have signed up for. Other members expect that of you. Be a good member.
- It has been proven time and time again, if you ask a good question here, you'll get great answers.
- 8. This page was created to share experiences, photos, stories and friendships. It was NEVER meant to replace the content on the .com, be a shortcut to that information, or to be your "personal concierge" as someone stated last week.

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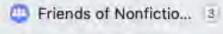
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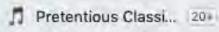
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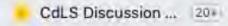
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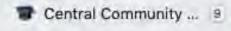
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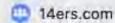
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MEMBERS

- 1. Why is using the .com important? It is NOT elitism. It is about people who love the peaks and this community, but are tired of seeing the same things being asked over and over again. If we lose those people with a lot of experience, we lose a great resource to this page to help with the non-basic questions. A resource we all need. A lot of them have left... because of the poor content and the reaction to the poor content.
- Not elitism, part 2, many people have been part of this group for years, but aren't finishers, some are still relative beginners to 14ers. They just love to hike and look at your great photos. They're tired of the seeing the same stuff too.
- It's not about "Scrolling by," because the poor repeated content seems to be a majority of the posts lately. They'd have to scroll by most of the page, and that's no fun for anyone.
- The group, in order to be good, needs the right balance between the new, the moderate and the experienced.
- 5. I think a lot of snark and negativity comes from the frustration of people not doing basic research and clogging the feed with the same questions. People expect a page with great photos and stories, but instead see questions about conditions, anyone hiking this weekend, and can my Honda get to a trailhead.

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- Post more than summit signs. Show us your trip, the views of the mountains. Tell us about your day. We can all share in the joy of your first summit, but there is so much more to it than a cardboard sign.
- Don't you want to see what the more experienced people are doing?Doesn't that inspire you? If we lose those people, we lose those stories, we lose what they can offer.
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- 3. If you ask for opinions, you'll get all kinds, including opinions that aren't in line with yours. That doesn't make them snarky, haters of mean spirited, just makes them different. And that is perfectly fine.
- 4. Don't antagonize people with your post on purpose. It will get deleted.
- 5. I'm not justifying the snark and negativity here. I'm offering you a way to help alleviate it and to provide better content for this group.

QUESTIONS

Are you scared to ask questions? What do you do?

- If you have a question, I'm sure someone else had the same question, and probably asked it. Search for it.
- 2. Go find the info on the .com.
- 3. Use the search function for this group.
- 4. Google it.
- PM the person who was just on that peak, and ask them.
- Read some of the great Trip Reports about the peaks on the .com.
 They can offer great insight to the mountains and routes that you can't get in a short comment on here. PM those people for more info.
- 7. PM an Admin. We're always willing to help you find information. (And yes, we might send you to the .com if we think that link can help you with your question.)

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WHAT ARE ADMINS DOING ABOUT THE SNARK?

- Not much to be honest. We can't moderate every snarky or meanspirited comment. This is a volunteer gig, not a fulltime job.
- We've taken a stand against name calling and personal attacks. (Snark and sarcasm are not personal attacks) We have a no trolling policy.
- You as the members can take a stand against the negativity. Don't posts complaints about it, but call it out when you see it. If you see someone being mean, report it. But don't be so easily offended.
- If you report a post or comment, we do look at them. And make a
 judgment call. Might not be the call you would make. We also discuss a
 lot of this stuff.
- 5. Welcome to the internet, and a group of 30,000 people. We have all kinds here. There are people the admins are watching closely (double secret probation). If all you post is snarky or mean-spirited, this probably isn't the group for you. Eventually, we admins will get tired of people complaining about you, and we'll do the easy thing... block you.
- Be a good member, less snark, less being mean would be totally appreciated. I love humor and a great sarcastic line. But too much of that, can set a bad tone.
- 7. You have to remember, not everything is personal on the internet. Some answers to questions aren't just for the original poster, but for everyone who might have the same question. (That's why some answers are longer than they could be.) Sometimes the snark and sarcasm are not directed at the OP, but the content or situation. Lighten up a bit, get thicker skin.
- (On a personal note, if someone posts something that is totally stupid, goes against group or societal norms, etc... it is fair game for the sharks until it turns into a #SS.)
- 9. And yes, we will continue to point people to the .com.

The admins can't make all 30,000 people happy. This page might not be what you want it to be. Might not meet your expectations. There are other places on FBook you can go. What I can say is, we are trying to make this a good page, but to do that, we need everyone's help. If you want a friendlier group, it starts with the original post. Do your research first. Be less snarky. Less selfies. More mountains. Share your stories.