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MONTHLY MEETING:

WHEN? Monday, August 25, 2014 – The fourth Monday of the month.

WHAT TIME? 6:30 pm; The meeting will come to order at 7:00 pm.

WHERE? Bear Creek Park, [Administration Building](#)

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PROGRAM:

Cook and taste, from commercially available mushrooms.....corn smut to shiitake.....maybe Boletes from the Wets?

Foray Report:

Photos from the July 20th foray

Hoa Pham shared these great photos.



Flammulina sp?



Tricholomopsis rutilans - Plums and Custard

August 3rd

By LeRad Nilles

Seven Foray members – Rampart Road near Rampart reservoir

Clear day and warm after a week of intermittent rains with near record low temperatures.

We first forayed around the south part of the lake where the parking lot is up high above the water in woods. Lots of mushrooms everywhere. Best edible find at the first location was a large *Pleurotus populinus* on the base of an aspen.

We had a second foray half way down the road near burn areas with mixed aspen and conifers at all locations. Best finds at the second location were three *Boletus barrowsii* and two more *Pleurotus populinus*. Elizabeth and Willy cut off to go fishing at the reservoir and caught a rainbow trout.

A few of us went to a third location back the road on the way to Mt. Herman we found some *Lactarius deliciosus* with red staining turning green most likely the *areolatus*, but this area was drier than the first two foray excursions..

Wet Mountains Foray – August 7th

By Bud Bennett



The Search & Rescue lineup photo.

Ten people participated in a hunt for edibles. There was heavy rain in the Wets the entire week prior to the foray, but the ground was relatively dry. It was slim pickings compared to this time last year, and there were quite a few mushroom hunters out there picking with us. We found a few Boletes (mostly buttons but some really nice ones too) Sarcodon, lots of Amanita muscaria, Laccaria and Russula. As evidence of the prior rainy weather there was Ramaria and some Clavaria purpurea spotted as well. LeRad even found some Neolecta vitellina near the end of the foray.



A Boletus edulis button found during the Wet foray.

Scientific foray – August 15th

By LeRad Nilles

Scientific Foray with special guest Dr Nhu Nguyen brought by Brian Barzee, 7 members and 2 guests attended.

It was a great day in the mountains for a foray. No rain until the trip home, but wet from moisture the night before.

We had one stop in divide area and five stops at Clide or Rosemont reservoir area above Rampart road, depending on which group one ended with.

Yes Chanterelles, Boletus edulis, Flammulina velutipes but we had a lot of fun anyway! The quantity of species was too great to list from those found.

We took the samples to the Denver Botanical Gardens show for their annual Colorado Mycological Society Mushroom Fair – Sunday the 17th. Our mushrooms presence outweighed the Denver group at least two to one. It was a great showing for our small group of members showing the powerful dedication of our members vs the far larger Denver group.

The Sangres are Popping Too

By Bud Bennett

Renee and I went tromping around on the Rainbow Trail – around 8000-9000 feet elevation – and found Boletus Barowsii in large numbers. We also found a few pretty non-edibles.



Mystery mushroom...but pretty nonetheless.



Clavariadelphus truncatus var. *truncatus*

Bit's & Pieces:

Custer County Search and Rescue declares "Mushroom Season".

From *The Wet Mountain Tribune*

Custer County's Search and Rescue announced that "Mushroom Season" has started. The season is reportedly one of their busiest where people get lost. "We had our first call from a lost mushroom hunter Tuesday morning," said Captain Cindy Howard. "He was lost in the Wet Mountains, where most of them get lost. This is just the beginning."

Administrator and co-captain, John Leavitt, explained that the "shroomers" often get lost due to focusing on the ground while they hike. "When they finally look up," Leavitt said, "they haven't got a clue where they are or how they got there."

The busy season may be named after the mushroom hunters, but the season also sees plenty of lost cone and berry pickers and nature photographers.

"These people often go out in good weather," Leavitt said, "so they wear shorts and other light clothing. This causes problems when they get lost, especially if bad weather decides to come in fast or if they are lost overnight."

Search and Rescue recommends that mushroom hunters or other nature lovers pay attention where they go and keep proper supplies with them. Proper supplies include food, water, blankets, rope and a first aid kit. Search and Rescue announced during their monthly meeting on Monday, August 11 that the team received five callouts in the past five days.

Don't Get Lost

Here's a typical scenario if you get lost on a foray. The foray leader will wait approximately 2 hours before declaring you "lost". He/she will call 911 to contact the local sheriff's office who will then call out the local Search & Rescue organization.

About 20 volunteers will show up about 1.5-2 hours later. There may be 5 ATVs and a couple of horse teams. Their field leader will want to know what you are wearing and other physical characteristics. They will split into teams of 3-4 and search for you until 11pm or 1am and then call it quits. Your foray leader will not get any sleep that night.

The next morning two or three additional Search & Rescue teams from nearby counties will appear at sunrise. There might also be a Flight for Life helicopter hovering around as well. A total of 50 people might be looking for you when you finally walk out on your own, which usually happens, or they find you and take you back to their base camp.

The cost of your "rescue" will add up to thousands of dollars. Each horse or ATV is \$150/day. Rescue vehicles cost 50 cents/mile and the helicopter is \$500-\$1000 depending upon whether they land. Search & Rescue will not be compensated for their expense unless you bought a SAR coupon or have a fishing/hunting/ATV/boat license from the state. A \$50 GPS "Backtrack" unit seems cheap now?

The Pikes Peak Mycological Society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement of mycology, publishes Spore-Addict Times monthly from April-September. Membership is open to anyone wanting to study mycology. Annual dues are \$20 for individual and family memberships. **Submission of ideas, articles, reviews, letters, artwork and recipes are welcome.**

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July's Mystery Mushroom was ????

Mystery Mushroom

By Darren Ceckanowicz

While my kingly brother receives most of the attention this time of year...I am, by far, a much more colorful character (if you look past my unassuming cap). You will be tempted by my array of primary colors but collect a basket full and at home you will find yourself bitterly disappointed.

Who am I?

(Bring your answer to the general meeting. The winner with the correct answer gets \$5 and also provides next month's mystery mushroom)

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