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Newsletter of the Eldora Civic Association

February 2011

The ECA Mission is to improve civic conditions to promote a feeling of good fellowship and sociability, to maintain the historic fabric, and to establish and maintain a reasonable balance between preservation and use of the natural environment in the Eldora area.



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## **ECA Committees:**

**EEPP – Randy Leever & Dave Hallock**  
**ELPF – Diane Brown & Fran Sheets**  
**Noxious Weeds – Diane Brown**  
**Newsletter – Diane Brown**  
**USFS/Ski Area/County & State Liaison –**  
**Pete Birkeland, Audrey Godell & Randy Leever**  
**History – Diane Brown, Fran Sheets, Earl & Barbara Bolton**  
**Eldora Road Cleanup – Earl & Barbara Bolton**  
**Nominations – ECA Board**  
**Social – Fran Sheets & Pete Birkeland**  
**Transportation – Pete & Sue Birkeland, Audrey Godell &**  
**Joe McDonald**  
**Member participation on these committees is welcomed!**

## **Calendar of Events:**

First Friday of each month at 5:00 PM – Eldora Night at the Pioneer Inn (Call Ted Warren at 303-258-7273)  
April 15, 2011 – Deadline for the May issue of the Eldora High Country newsletter  
ECA Board Meetings will be held Thursdays at 6:30 PM on February 17 (McDonald), April 14 (Sheets) and June 16, 2011 (McDonald)  
Saturday, June 11, 2011 at 9:00 AM - Eldora Road Cleanup – Bolton Lawn at 502 Eldorado Avenue  
Thursday, July 7, 2011 - Date of determination of eligible ECA voting members  
Saturday, July 9, 2011 at 2:00 PM - Annual Business Meeting – McDonald Cabin at 695 Bryan Avenue  
Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 7:00 PM - Eldora History Night – Gold Miner Hotel  
Sunday, August 14, 2011 from 12:00 – 2:00 PM – Eldora Community Picnic – Bolton Lawn at 502 Eldorado  
Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 2:00 PM – Annual Member Meeting – Gold Miner Hotel



## ELDORA CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Minutes for the Board Meeting of November 18, 2010 at Sheets' house in Boulder

President Joe McDonald called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. Four Board members participated: Joe McDonald, Randy Leever, Pete Birkeland and Fran Sheets. Dale Johnson was present by phone for some of the meeting (was ill at home).

**Minutes** of 9/30/10 Board meeting were approved via email prior to meeting and published in newsletter. **Financial Report** was postponed due to Dale's illness. Fran passed on ELPF current totals in the savings account and with the Open Space Foundation. There is currently \$23,853.41 in ECA's ELPF savings and \$7935.00 in the Open Space Foundation/ELPF, leaving a grand total of \$31, 788.41.

### **Annual Plan for 2010-2011:**

- The Board agreed to continue the update on the Eldora Environmental Preservation Plan.
- Other topics for the Board's agenda are:
- To monitor, discuss and report on updates relevant to the ski area expansion plans. The ECA, as part of the Middle Boulder Creek Coalition, will coordinate efforts and report findings to ECA membership.
  - The Board will monitor and help implement the Mountain Transportation Study as it applies to Eldora and Hessie.
  - The Board will work on other transportation issues as they relate to traffic driving through Eldora and into Hessie. We will coordinate the North Fork Council on mutual issues.
  - The Board will monitor and pass information to ECA membership regarding septic issues, solutions and problems. The legislative changes pertaining to septic systems will be monitored by Fran and Payson Sheets and reported to the Board.
  - Joe McDonald will investigate the possibility of a place for community use in Eldora, to promote sociability and goodwill.
  - Joe McDonald will explore the possibility of expanding future ECA fund-raising abilities with a 501(c) and report back to the Board.

### **Committee Reports:**

- EEPP- Randy Leever reported on the progress of EEPP. The process is moving along and should be completed in 2011 or 2012. There are 8 different sections. The Introduction has been updated. Pete Birkeland will update the Geology and Hydrology. Vegetation, Soils, Wildlife, Open Space, Recreational Resources are all finished. Land use planning to be written by the County. There will be a section on climate change. About 1/2 of the update has been completed. It would be good to find people to do the final editing.
- Newsletter: January 15 deadline for February newsletter.
- USFS/Ski Area/County/State: update from MBCC. There are 10 organizations in the coalition now.

### **Unfinished Business:**

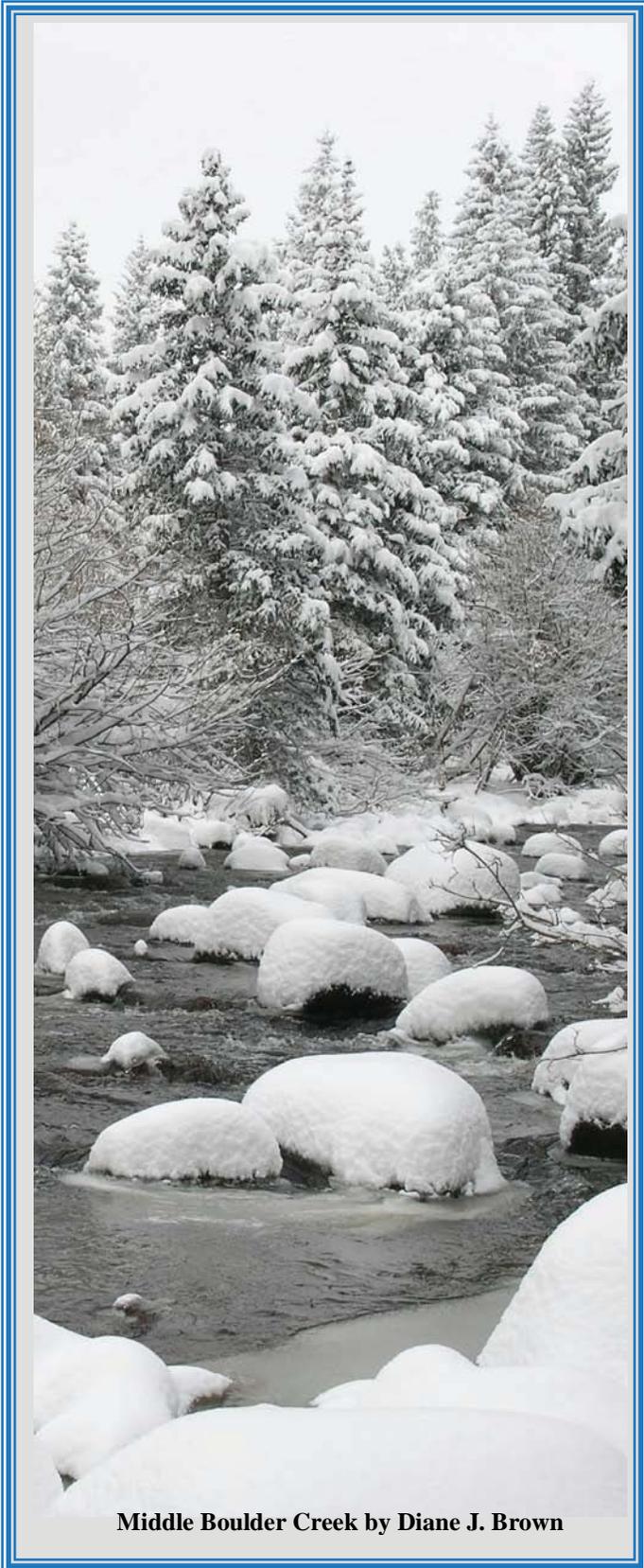
- Ted Warren wants pressure placed on County to build a gravel walking path along Eldorado. This idea was brought to the membership at the August meeting with no solution. Randy Leever will contact Ted.
- A natural gas line into Eldora will run about \$12,000 - \$15,000 per family given 100 families sign up.
- Calendar dates for 2011 need to be set.

Next meeting will be at Pete and Sue Birkeland's on January 20, 2011. Adjournment was at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Fran Sheets, Secretary

## UPDATE

### Middle Boulder Creek Coalition and Ski Area Expansion



Middle Boulder Creek by Diane J. Brown

In response to the ski area's proposal to expand lifts and runs toward Middle Boulder Creek and Hessie, 20 Eldorans gathered last fall to strategize defense. At the meeting they formed the Middle Boulder Creek Coalition dedicated to stopping the expansion of the ski area outside its current permit boundary to the north and west toward the creek.

To date much has been done. Ten organizations have joined the coalition: Boulder County Audubon Society, Boulder County Nature Association, Colorado Environmental Coalition, Colorado Wild, Eldora Civic Association, Indian Peaks Group of the Sierra Club, Defenders of Wildlife, National Wildlife Federation, North Fork Council, and Western Resource Advocates.

A sign board was constructed on the Fisher property (mostly by Marc) at the west end of town providing information about the expansion plans to hikers, cross-country skiers and others using the Hessie area. "Conservation Alerts" have been placed in numerous organization newsletters. Flyers are being placed on cars. Meetings have been held with Boulder County and the Colorado Division of Wildlife letting them know of the expansion plans and our concerns. A letter was recently drafted and sent to the Forest Service in response to the ski area's summary report of their "public" process last winter.

The ski area submitted expansion plans to the Forest Service, which were sent back for some additional changes. The Forest Service is now reviewing the submitted changes. If the revised version of the expansion plan is accepted by the Forest Service, the ski area will then submit more detailed plans for a portion or all of the planned improvements and a more formal public process through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) will begin.

If you want to help our coalition and/or be on an e-mail list to receive updates and calls to action, let me know.

Dave Hallock - [eldoradh@rmi.net](mailto:eldoradh@rmi.net)



Dipper  
on an  
ice shelf  
in Middle  
Boulder  
Creek

Eldora,  
Colorado



## **ELDORA CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

Minutes for Board Meeting

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Pete and Sue Birkeland's in Boulder

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM. Pete Birkeland, Joe McDonald, Fran Sheets, Randy Leever and Dale Johnson, all board members, were in attendance. Also attending were ECA members Sue Birkeland, Linell and Duane Wohlers.

The ECA Mission Statement was read by Pete.

**Financial Report** - Mutual of Omaha ELPF savings account has \$23,866.90 in it. Interest of \$14.99 was paid this period. As of Dec. 31 there was \$5443 in checking. A check was written for \$638 to Diane for October newsletter expenses. ECA received a total of \$3510 in membership renewals during this period.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Transportation Committee** - Randy reported on a meeting with George Gerstle and Mike Rogakis from the County to discuss traffic and speeding on Eldorado. Audrey Godell and Todd Buchanan attended. The County seems to be interested in mitigating traffic/speeding issues and has some suggestions:
  1. The County would like to put a "Welcome to Eldora" sign that announces the 25 mph speed limit on it. They would like it placed at the beginning of town and they want Eldora to pay for 1/2 the cost.
  2. The County is also looking at a "rumble strip" across the road for just summertime use. It would be removed during the winter months.
  3. Another suggestion is to neck down Eldorado with traffic cones which gives the illusion of a narrower road and forces people to slow down as they drive through Eldora.There is another meeting tonight at the Gold Miner Hotel with Eldora townsfolk and Boulder County Transportation Department. George Gerstle of County Transportation held another separate meeting at his office for the County's Transportation Master Plan but there was nothing new for the western part of the County.

- **Ski Area/Forest Service/County/State Liaison Committee** - Update on the ski area plans: Pete spoke with Ed Perault from the Forest Service. Rainbow Lakes will be closed this summer for repairs. This will create problems for Eldora and 4th of July if more people come into Hessie. Brainard Lake will be open, despite rumors that it too would be closed for repairs.
- There is no progress or change concerning constructing a parking lot in Hessie.
- The EMR master plan has been received by the Forest Service and they are reviewing it to determine if they can accept it. ECA is trying to stay on top of this issue. A letter was written by the Middle Boulder Creek Coalition to the Forest Service correcting the statement that the public meetings the ski area held

last year at this time were open meetings seeking input on Eldora Ski Resort's plan for expansion. The ski area was addressing skiers only, not people who have concerns about ski area expansion, thus there has not been a time of "public comment."

- Bark beetle infested trees are being cut at Lost Lake to make camping safer.
- They have a policy to do carbaryl spraying around campgrounds, but no plans to do so in local areas.
- **ELPF Committee** - Mutual of Omaha savings has \$23,866.90 in it. Interest of \$14.99 was paid this period.

### **Old Business**

- The ECA Calendar for 2011 was approved and will be published in the next newsletter.
- 501(c)3 update: Joe spoke with a lawyer who has created 501(c) 3s and found it is a difficult process. He is not sure that a homeowners association can be converted to a 501(c)3 under the IRS. Joe recommended we not proceed with the process.
- North Fork Council representatives and ECA members, Linell and Duane Wohlers, updated us on the traffic, parking and camping problems and the work they are doing to bring relief for this summer. Meetings are scheduled with the Boulder County Commissioners and the U. S. Forest Service to make the USFS aware of the severity of the problems, to implement solutions and enforce the laws. Camping and open fires are not allowed along the 4th of July Road, yet this is not enforced. There needs to be a management plan that the County and the USFS agree to. Signs are needed to clarify where people can legally park and where they can camp. The USFS is looking at building a ranger station for volunteers to pass out camping and parking information.
- There was a unanimous vote to accept the ECA Calendar as it is to be published in the newsletter.
- Joe McDonald gave an update on the concept of creating a "community commons" in Eldora. Joe explained there is an undeveloped Spencer Avenue right-of-way (ROW) of approximately 50' x 175' (about 1/4 acre) along the creek just north of the 6th Street bridge. It is part of a meadow that is traditionally and currently used by the Eldora community that we should try to preserve for community use in the future. Joe and Dale Johnson met with Dale Case, Boulder County Land Use Director, about the possibility of securing title or right of use for this and future generations. If the ROW were to be vacated, title to the property would pass to the owner of adjoining property. He also pointed out that the County could declare a "change of use" and designate it as a community commons to be used under the auspices of the Eldora Civic Association through a lease or other enabling arrangement with the ownership of the property remaining with the County. There have been initial discussions with the adjoining property owner in order to develop a "best fit" solution.

The consensus of the ECA Board was to proceed with discussions with the interested parties and develop the process and terms for such a "change of use." Possibilities include maintaining access to Boulder Creek for splashing, swimming, fishing, etc., and creating a picnic area (to hold our annual picnic there in the future). It is a suitable place to erect a tent for community picnics or other town events. A meeting has been scheduled with the County to further the process on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business**

The Envision Nederland 2020 meeting will be held on January 24. Audrey Godell and Laura Fisher are planning on attending. We will contact them for information after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Fran Sheets, Secretary

## Christen F. (Charley) Petersen

### The Eldora Miner – March 17, 1900

Notice for Publication

Timber Land Act, June 3, 1878

United States Land Office, Denver, Colo.

January 22, 1900

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled “An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada and Washington Territory,” as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, Thomas B. Stuart of Denver, County of Arapahoe, State of Colorado, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 28 for the purchase of the s ½ ne ¼ and s ½ nw ¼ of section No. 29 in township No. 1 S., Range No. 73 W, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver of this office at Denver, Colorado, on Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1900.

He names as witnesses:

Christen F. Petersen of Eldora, Colo.

Joseph Bruner of Eldora, Colo.

Edward L. Alexander of Denver, Colo.

Dewitt C. Miller of Newell, Iowa



Lake Eldora in foreground; Petersen’s Lake in background 1947  
Photo shot from Tennessee Mountain looking west by Don Kemp

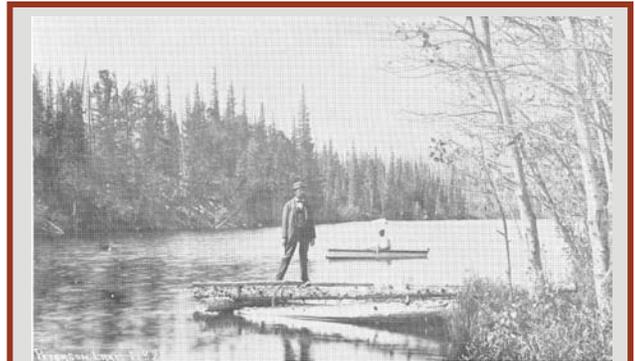
The Timber and Stone Act of 1878 allowed land that was deemed “unfit for farming” to be sold for \$2.50 an acre in 160 acre blocks for the purpose of logging and mining. Speculators and wealthy companies hired men to buy 160-acre lots, then had them deed the title over to the company, acquiring thousands of acres at minimal expense.

Peterson Lake, situated in a narrow wooded valley on the south side of Spencer Mountain, was located as a homestead by Christian A. (Charley) Peterson sometime in the 1880s. The area comprised approximately one hundred seventy-eight acres and was patented in March 1898. The altitude of the lake valley is 9255 feet above sea level. The body of water comprises thirty acres and was gouged out by ice during an early glacial era. It is fed by springs rising west of the lake; the combined flow from these springs has resulted in a roughly circular swamp perhaps a half-mile in diameter. A dense forest growth of pine and spruce extends many miles toward west and south of the lake bank, from which Spencer Mountain rises, a rocky, steep eminence of some five hundred feet, to form the north rampart of the valley. Toward the east the terrain drops abruptly, forming a wide gulch, which terminates a thousand feet below in the middle of Boulder Creek drainage. The tiny outlet stream from the lake follows a willow-tangled course down this gulch.

In the early days Peterson Lake was widely famed as a fishing resort. Its waters abounded in fine trout, and a fleet of rowboats was available at a nominal fee to accommodate anglers who wished to use them. In Charley’s spacious log cabin near the lower (eastern) end of the lake, there was room for a guest or two, together with an ample supply of “plain vittles” prepared by Charley himself. So far as is known, he never married. He was a quiet, soft-spoken man, blue-eyed, slender and of medium height; and, although he had many friends, he seldom traveled far from his mountain domain except to stock up on needed supplies.

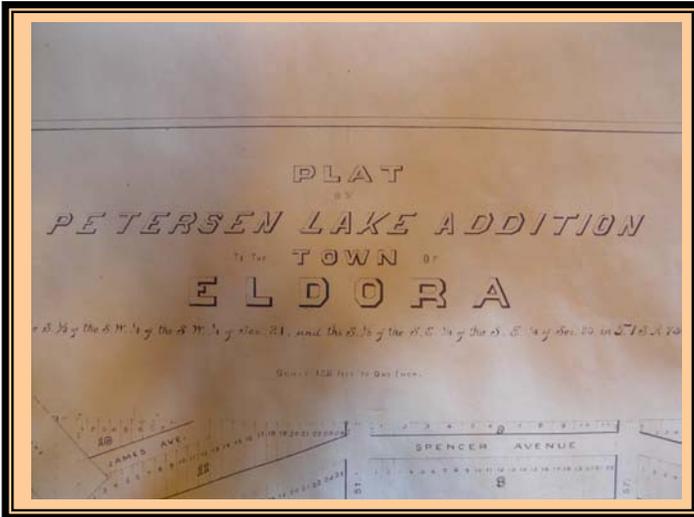
The last decade of the nineteenth century brought changes to the entire region. On Spencer Mountain’s north face – and to a lesser extent on the slope above the lake – men were staking gold claims. There were only a few in 1891-92; then almost overnight, claim locations increased, and the mountainside was alive with an avid horde of prospectors. Along the valley at Spencer’s base these prospectors set up their tents, built cabins along the bank of Middle Boulder Creek, and called the settlement Eldorado Camp. The rapidly changing scene, climaxed in 1898 by the Eldora boom, spelled finis to Charley Peterson’s happy days on the lake homestead. About 1902 he sold the property to a group of Denverites who formed a corporation under the name of The Eldora Resort and Power Company. They added 242 acres of land to Peterson’s original tract; and under the name of Lake Eldora, Peterson Lake became a modern tourist resort.

“Silver, Gold and Black Iron” by Donald C. Kemp



C. F. Petersen in 1897 – Photo by J. B. Sturtevant

## Peterson or Petersen?

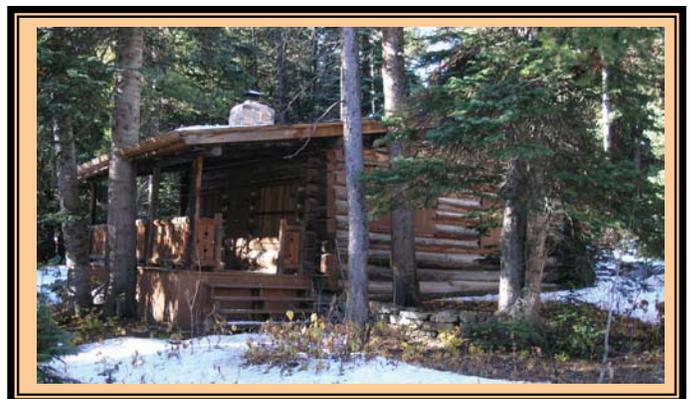
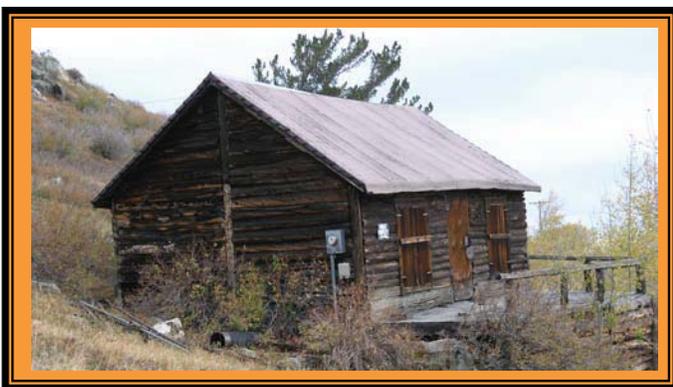
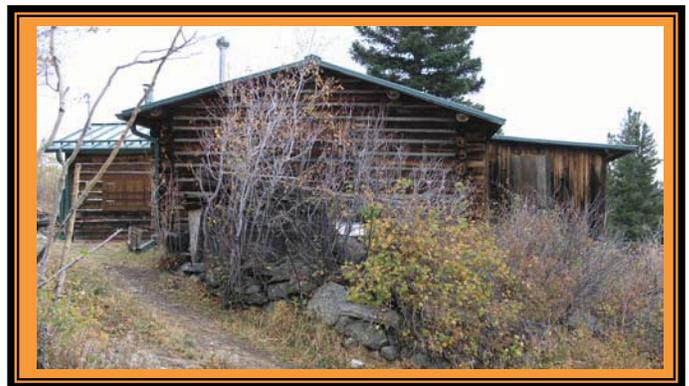
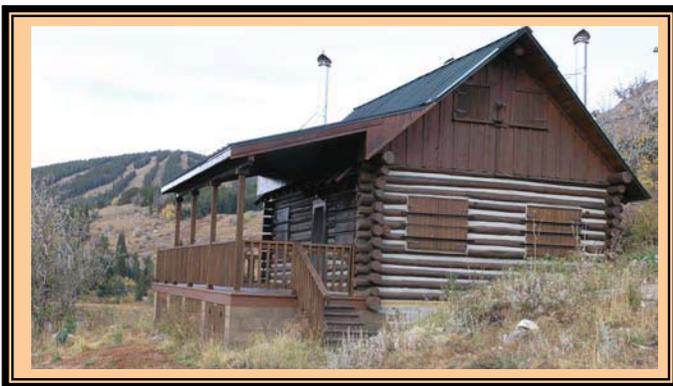


At some point Charley Petersen's name was misspelled on maps and today his lake is called Peterson Lake. However, documents bear witness to the correct spelling of his name. The plat of the Petersen Lake addition to the town of Eldora is one such document. This addition is located on the south-facing slope of Spencer Mountain, just north of Petersen Lake. Charley had big ideas for this addition, including water mains, electric streetcar lines and electric light poles! Like many areas that were platted, little consideration was given to the actual topography of the terrain involved. A few cabins were built in the area of the addition, some pictured below.

Know All Men by these Presents, That J. C. F. Petersen being the owner of the tract of land herein shown and described have laid out and platted the same under the name and style of Petersens Lake Addition to the town of Eldora, the same being the S. 1/2 of the S.W. 1/4 of the S.W. 1/4 of Sec. 21, and the S. 1/2 of the S.E. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 of Sec. 20 in T. 7 S. R. 73 W. of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., and by these presents, do grant for the perpetual use of the public the right of way through all the streets. Hereby reserving to myself my heirs or assigns, all mineral and rights to mine and remove same at any and all time and the right to lay water pipes, construct and operate electric street car lines, electric light poles and wires over and under the same.

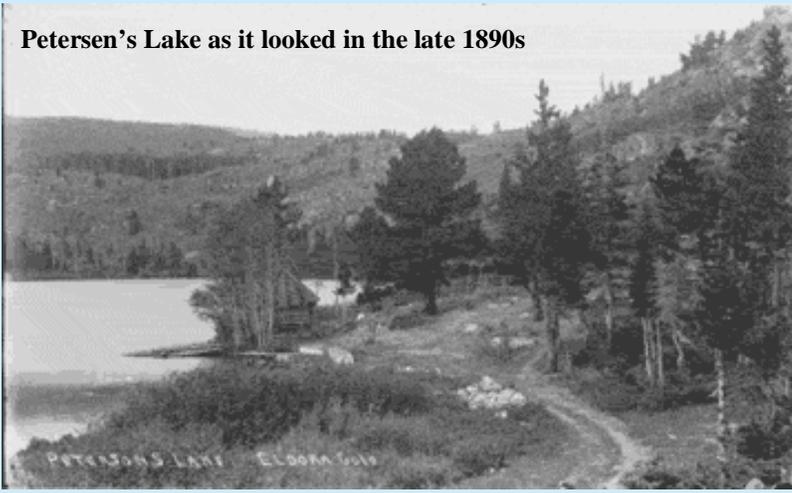
Documents provided by the Gross-Dugan Family

Cabin Photos by Diane J. Brown



## Beautiful Lake Eldora: Eldora Resort and Power Company

Petersen's Lake as it looked in the late 1890s



Petersen's Lake, sometimes called Lake Eldora, is situated on the very summit of a high mountain in what was formerly the mouth of a volcano. The company has purchased water rights to use the power, which can be gained by the sheer fall of over a thousand feet to the town below.

It now proposes to build some form of railroad to the summit of the mountain, probably an aerial tram, and haul the passengers up in buckets. From the summit of the mountain an excellent view of the surrounding mountains is obtainable, and the lake will offer amusement in the way of boating and fishing.

Eldora Resort and Power Company Brochure

In 1902 a group of businessmen from Denver formed the Eldora Resort and Power Company with the intention of supplying water to Eldora (which never materialized) and building one of the first resorts in Colorado. "Lake Eldora" by Leda Reed

### The Eldora Record – May 14, 1904 (Bolton Collection)

This lake (better known locally by its former name, Petersen's Lake) is near the summit of Spencer Mountain at an elevation of 9,255 feet. It covers nearly 30 acres and is of unknown depth at the center. As it is fed entirely by springs, which in turn are fed by the perpetual snow in the greater heights surrounding, the water is of singular clearness and coldness all through the year, and mountain trout find it their natural element.

The lake property now comprises 420 acres of timber and mineral lands, and is owned by The Eldora Resort and Power Company, of which Judge Thomas B. Stuart of Denver is president, Hon. Dewitt C. Miller of Newell, Iowa, vice president, and Charles A. Murray of Denver, secretary and treasurer, and these men own all the capital stock - \$100,000. At the lake are a log dining hall, several rustic cabins and cottages, and a number of tents, affording comfortable accommodations from June to October for fifty to seventy-five guests. The lake is equipped with the most expensive skiffs for rowing purposes, and several of the more steady rafts are ready for fishermen.

The company's land bears a great deal of heavy standing timber, and thousands of cords of wood are lying on the ground ready for the market. The rich ore veins of Spencer Mountain underlie the land, and they will eventually add to the wealth of this great mining camp. But little has thus far been done by the company toward developing its mineral resources, or to determine their value. Messrs. Bruner and Korf, while working under their bond and lease upon a portion of the property a few months ago, took out some remarkable ore at a depth of only fifty feet. Fifteen pounds of the ore yielded \$14 – almost a dollar a pound.

The Moffat railway is already graded within two miles of the lake, and a station at the nearest point is promised, so that Denver people will have, within forty-five miles, access to one of the most beautiful natural lakes in all the mountain region.

**Lake Eldora, Colorado –**  
elevation 9,280 feet;  
63 miles from Denver;  
33 miles from Boulder  
Among the pines.  
Within the shadow of  
James Peak. Healthful  
spring water. Wonderful  
mountain scenery.  
Beautiful lake stocked  
with millions of mountain  
trout. Boating, fishing,  
baths, telephone free to  
guests of Pine Log Inn.  
P. E. Chamberlain,  
Proprietor. Capacity of  
hotel and cottages  
seventy-five. Rates  
\$13.00 to \$14.50 per  
week. Cuisine the best.



This photo of Lake Eldora (Peterson Lake) and the accompanying sidebar text are from "Resorts & Fishing Grounds Along the Switzerland Trail," a brochure published by the Denver, Boulder & Western Railroad circa 1911-12. – Courtesy of Earl and Barbara Bolton

## Pine Log Inn at Petersen's Lake



Pine Log Inn – Courtesy of Virginia Haffner Reid

In 1897 Christen F. Petersen built a fishing cabin at the east end of Petersen's Lake.

In 1902 Charley Petersen sold his 178 acres to the Eldora Resort and Power Company and the surrounding area was renamed Lake Eldora. By 1912 the Pine Log Inn, operated by the Eldora Resort and Power Company, was built to better accommodate the influx of tourists. It was a two-story half log and half frame building with a porch on two sides. The first floor had a comfortably furnished lounge with masonry fireplace and adjoining room equipped with writing desks and bookshelves. Sleeping compartments took up the second floor. "Lake Eldora" by Leda Reed

In 1917 Pine Log Inn was being operated by the Murray brothers as a fishing and boating resort. - Isabel Hansen Cross

The "Inn" was the place to go for the social class of Denver in the late 1890s – early 1900s. In the late 1950s the girls in my scout troop played "hide and seek" there and were entertained one evening at a Boy Scout campfire (by invitation). – Edna Hollis



Years after the Pine Log Inn was abandoned, a piano was still in there and we kids could plunk a few notes out of it.  
William F. Gross

In the 1940s and early 50s I played on the first and second floors of a building that my grandfather called "The Hotel." It was still there when ERTL, Inc. bought the ski area in 1967. Due to several small fires set in it by vandals and its overall dangerous condition, ERTL, Inc. tore it down in the 1970s. Virginia Reid



Stove detail:  
Wrought Iron  
Range Company  
St. Louis  
Decatur

Stove photos  
by Diane Brown



Pine Log Inn covered with snow; Spencer Mountain in the background. Man is likely Dad Hazen who worked the Dixie Mine in winter. Circa 1914 – Courtesy of Virginia Haffner Reid

A freestanding log dining room was north of the inn. It burned in the 1940s. Pieces of a grand piano were still there in the 1970s. A separate kitchen building with large wood burning stoves was north of the dining room. The remains of the stoves are still there. Virginia Haffner Reid

## Dixie Lodge

Denver socialite Annie Brown built a vacation home complete with a Japanese-style bridge and called it Dixie Lodge. On clear nights people in Eldora could hear music coming from the lodge. After the mid 1920s the Lake Eldora buildings stood vacant for many years. On a very dry and windy night in the fall of 1969 Dixie Lodge burned. Sparks from the fire were blown to Marysville. Only the chimney of the lodge remained.

Isabel Hansen Cross

A wide veranda went around Dixie Lodge on three sides. The railing that went around it had a beautiful Japanese design made of bent pine branches. – Wm. Gross



In 1909 Annie Dickinson Brown became interested in some land on a small lake over a ridge southeast of Peterson Lake. In the summer of the same year she oversaw construction of the Dixie Lodge. “Lake Eldora” by Leda Reed

As a boy Guy Hockett used to provide groceries to the Boy Scout place on Peterson Lake. He pulled a wagon behind him with groceries from Mrs. Cross’s store. - Norma Hockett Figgs



Resort Dining Room and First Car driven to Resort before 1918  
Driver is Ed Haffner. Photo Courtesy of Virginia Haffner Reid

Transportation in and out of Lake Eldora wasn’t easy in those early days. The well-worn trail to Eldora was proof of the many trips taken by family members for food and supplies. It was not until the 1920s that the road from Tolland up Jenny Creek was improved enough for a car to travel over it. The Zarlengos rebuilt the bridges over the creek enabling cars to get through. This road was often used by the family as an alternative to the treacherous road from Marysville. “Lake Eldora” by Leda Reed

Johnny and Jinny Jones (Kent) often hiked from the town of Eldora over Spencer Mountain to roller skate on the porch of the big lodge at Lake Eldora.

I remember as a kid playing around and in Dixie Lodge. This was burned down by hippies building a campfire on the wooden veranda. William F. Gross

In July and August of 1913 Annie Brown Morris rented the Dixie Lodge out to Portia Mansfield and Charlotte Perry to be used as a performing arts camp for young ladies. Their decision to create a summer arts camp was made while hunting bear in Colorado with Perry’s father in 1912. The camp opened with 12 students who slept on the screened porches of the lodge and rose early in the morning to practice their dance routines. Other activities included bathing in the lakes, strenuous hiking, performing classical plays and exercising in the open air. Men were discouraged from frequenting the Lodge compound, except one lucky Jim Hazen, who was employed as a handyman. However, as word got out that there were lovely maidens flitting about the pine and aspen woods in flowing, filmy gowns, what able bodied man would not have been tempted to hike up the steep, rugged trails from Marysville or Eldora in hopes of a glimpse?

In 1914 the Perry-Mansfield Performing Arts Camp moved to Steamboat Springs. It still operates there today on its 76 acre campus in Strawberry Park.



Lake Eldora (Peterson Lake) circa 1906  
Photo by Louis C. McClure

## Boy Lost at Peterson Lake

(From an interview of Margaret Frazier taped by Virginia Jones Kent in 1983)

In 1916 we arrived in Eldora on the train. That night there were lanterns bobbing all over Spencer Mountain and men hallo-ing back and forth. They were searching every mine on the mountain hunting this youngster. We found out the next morning that he had gone out in a canoe by himself on the lake, which is supposedly a bottomless volcanic lake and his mother was so frightened that when the men brought him in off the lake, she took him by the heels and dunked him in the lake to teach him a lesson.



Lake Eldora (Peterson Lake) with James Peak in background  
Courtesy of Virginia Haffner Reid

Well, it humiliated the little fellow so, that he just walked off. And they didn't know where he had gone or what had happened to him and they hunted all night long. It was real eerie to see those lights bobbing around on the mountainside and hear the men. Well, the next day the little fellow wandered back home. He had spent the night in a vacant cabin up there at Lake Eldora. Everything went all right except his mother's nerves were still shot.

**Mr. Newton (Newt):** He was a very kindly person. I understand that he was very well educated. He had been in the newspaper business and he wound up out here and became the caretaker up at Dixie Lodge. In the old days when I was about high school age, we used to go up there to Dixie Lodge. It was vacant by that time and we'd have our wienie roasts and we would dance on the porch. Mr. Newton would come around and we'd all share our wienies and marshmallows with him.

We went up on what we called the goat trail and I still don't know how those fellows managed to carry that portable Victrola, because it weighed about 50 pounds. I still have it at home. They carried it and records up there and we carried the food. We'd have us a party in the moonlight on the porch of the lodge. Newt would join us.

He used to come down every day to the post office to get mail. One day I'll never forget. He brought down a cracker box in which he had very carefully put a very beautiful water lily bud and there was one young lady here that he thought was so pretty and he brought that to her. We were all very disappointed at her reaction, because we felt it hurt his feelings and he didn't deserve it because he had never done anything that we knew of that would bother anybody.



Margaret Frazier with her father, A. W. Frazier  
Bill & Kay Pierson Collection

Summers 1925-27, there was still some quasi-property-guardian around Lake Eldora, lived all alone in a disheveled cabin (long since gone) northeast corner of the lake, just about where the trail from Eldora came in. He was gone by 1928.  
Henry Meyer

Newt's cabin on the shore of Peterson Lake was about 100 feet west of Pine Log Inn and a little uphill. He was caretaker for Dixie Lodge. It was Prohibition time and he used to ply all the local grocery stores for vanilla extract to quench his thirst for alcohol. Once on a hike Phil Rouse and I asked Newt if the water in Peterson Lake was safe to drink. He said he never drank it himself, but it was OK to drink.

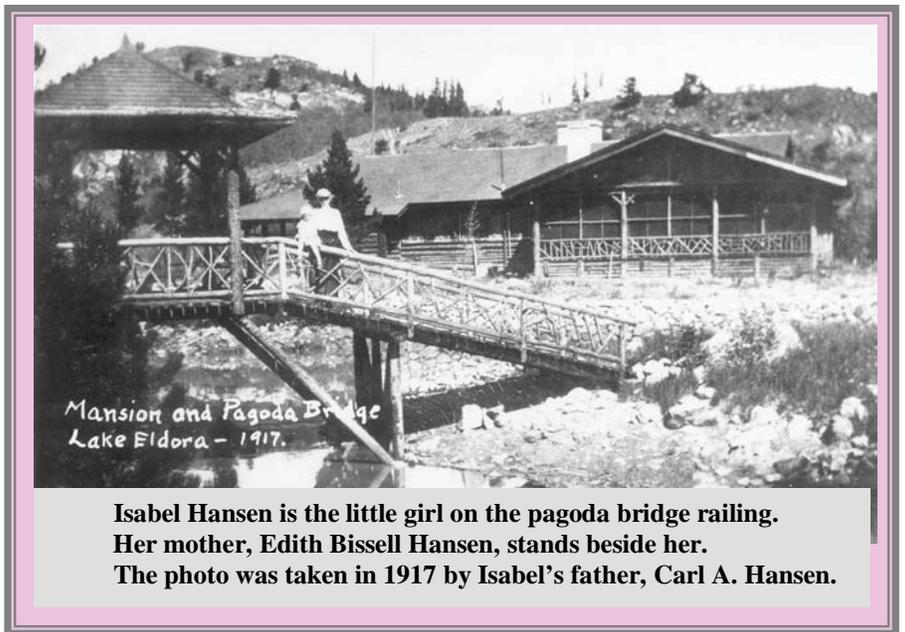
William F. Gross



## The Lake Eldora Story

by Isabel Hansen Cross

My father was interested in the West. He found a railroad folder of the Switzerland Trail and in the summer of 1917, when I was only five, we journeyed to Colorado. We came on the railroad all the way, but it was the Switzerland Trail from Boulder to Sunset, up the Eldora Branch that is important to this story. We got off at Marysville Station and walked up the wagon road up the mountain to Lake Eldora. It was dark and wet from rain and cold.



**Isabel Hansen is the little girl on the pagoda bridge railing. Her mother, Edith Bissell Hansen, stands beside her. The photo was taken in 1917 by Isabel's father, Carl A. Hansen.**

As we entered the Lake Eldora Inn (a.k.a. Pine Log Inn), a big fire in the stone fireplace of the lobby was most welcome and made a big impression on a five-year old as being warmth and comfort. The lobby was quite large: there was the business counter desk, writing areas for guests around the wall and a lot of chairs. The stairway beside the business counter took us to the second floor. The front hall extended the length of the building with a back stairway at the end that went to the outside. The rooms were Spartan, each with an iron bed, a washstand with china bowl and pitcher, and a slop jar.

In the morning for our breakfast we went to a separate one-story building behind the Inn that was the dining hall and kitchen. Besides tables and chairs there was a huge restaurant-size wood burning range and a large square grand piano. The piano had been brought up the mountain by horse and wagon over the same road we had traveled from Marysville.

After breakfast we looked for a warm place to be. In order to enjoy the sun we sat on the porch that was built on two sides of the Inn with a view of the lake and of the large elegant "Mansion" (Dixie Lodge) across the lake. It had been built by a wealthy Denver woman. I remember one afternoon seeing white-coated servants serving the guests on the large and fancy porch that faced the lake from the opposite side.

The buildings were at the shallow end of the lake; also, a pier was built into the lake, and rowboats were available for pleasure or fishing. The lake was about a mile long and very deep; presumably it was an old volcano crater and we were told that a 1500-foot rope had not reached bottom. Near the far end was a beaver lodge with beaver in residence. Sometimes in the evening one could hear the slap of their tails as they issued a warning to their kind. Our rowboat went near the beaver lodge when we were at the upper end of the lake.

We caught so many trout that we soon moved from the Inn to a small cabin up the hill from the lake so that we could do our own cooking. There were several cabins scattered around the lake and available to guests. One was perched on the edge of the hill and overlooking the valley to the east. It was referred to as the "Honeymoon Cottage." However, at the west end of the lake was the Grant cabin, privately owned.

Behind the Inn was a trail that went downhill a short way to the "spring." Covered with a small peaked roof was a rock lined water-filled basin about four-and-a-half feet deep and forty inches in diameter. Air bubbles slowly came to the top of the water. It was the coldest water I ever tasted and clear as a bell. Later years when we hiked up the trail to Eldora, we always went to the spring for that refreshing drink of cold clear water.

In need of groceries for our meals, my father hiked down a very steep rough trail (about a mile down to the valley) to the town of Eldora that had developed from the mining activity. This was the terminus of the Switzerland Trail Railroad and offered the few amenities available in the area: one public telephone, a post office, a shoe repairman, and several grocery stores. (I am sure there were also saloons.) The trip back up the steep trail with a load of groceries was not easy. I am sure we ate differently in those

days: more dried foods such as oatmeal and beans, only condensed milk, and flour for pancakes rather than bread, but I remember we did have fresh eggs.

There were rain showers every afternoon. There were hikes to take through the forest. My father discovered a lily pond surrounded by trees. It became a popular hike for guests at the Inn.

Another year when we made a return trip, the resort at the lake was no longer running, but the caretaker, Mr. Newton, rented us a cabin. A couple of days later when we returned from our hike, we were told we would have to move to another place, because the Texas owners of the cabin had showed up! Mr. Newton supplied another cabin for us to move into – in the dark and the rain. Dinner was very late that night!

Story courtesy of Isabel's daughter, Alice Cross Anderson



1932 – The Pagoda Bridge is still standing.



1942 – The Pagoda Bridge has collapsed. Photo by Muriel Wolle

**Deadman's Gulch** on Jenny Creek near Lake Eldora is the sight of two graves. These are supposedly the graves of two of Fremont's French voyageurs, who were killed in an ambush by hostile Indians. Martin Parsons, Boulder mountain park ranger, and Merle Rugg of Eldora reported seeing these graves in 1910. – Forrest Crossen

**John Charles Fremont** led five western expeditions between 1842 to 1854, traveling over 20,000 miles and mapping large areas of the West. He collected thousands of plant specimens and inspired a huge wave of pioneers with his expeditionary reports. He came to be revered as "The Pathfinder."



Fremont geranium flower and autumn leaf

The Eldora Lake establishment has long been a memory. It folded during World War I and never reopened. The buildings have gradually fallen to decay, and much of the usable lumber in them has been removed. Today's tourists see only an unsightly jumble of logs and the ruined skeletons of what were once the comfortable units of the lodge.

"Silver, Gold & Black Iron" (1960)  
by Donald C. Kemp



The stone housing for the Dixie Lodge generator is still visible.

## Memories of Lake Eldora by Tom Richards

Having spent considerable parts of most summers in Eldora from 1948 to 1961, I sort of feel like a citizen....three years at Elk Horn Lodge (where I used to visit with and try to understand old Barkeen the fisherman) and the rest at Columbine Chalet, now owned by my aunt Harriett Hansen.

I do have a few memories of the Lake Eldora Ski Corporation and its first manager, Gabor Cseh. Actually I was the first employee he hired in June of 1961. The same day he hired a friend whose parents rented a cabin there. We were paid \$1.50 per hour. Our first task was to “improve” the Enterprise Mine road from the town up to the lake. We used my friend’s jeep (I can’t remember his name). Using shovels and picks we started up the road filling holes, taking out smaller rocks where we could, etc. Even back then it was an impossible task considering the condition of the road! Add to it two teenagers fresh out of high school and unsupervised...you can guess the rest.

After 2 or 3 days of this Gabor came back with a crew of lumberjacks from the Tabernash area. They rented cabins wherever available. Jeeps took them up the mountain. New 24” chain saws were passed out to them. We got double bladed axes. Our job would be to “buck” the downed trees, walking the trunks chopping off limbs while trying to avoid our own feet. (Neither of us really knew how to use an axe.) Gabor had trouble with the men; they drank heavily (in Nederland) and were prone to just leave without notice. The turnover was high as I recall. The ones we got to know were really great guys, when sober.

A week after I started, a used D6 Caterpillar tractor was delivered to the yard across the street from the Log Cabin Store. Gabor paid me overtime to spend a whole Saturday with cans of yellow paint trying to make it look better. On Monday the “cat” led the procession up the mountain to begin logging. (By the way the commuting time and conditions were horrendous.)

When it reached the very narrow spot right near the top, where old mine tailings spilled into the roadway, the cat skinner (operator) stood up and leaned far over to his right with one foot in the cat and the other poised to jump. In that manner he successfully traversed the spot, the cat leaning alarmingly to the left (open air). I knew nothing about the other mechanics of the operation; surveys, log disposal, etc. My life was tied up with bucking limbs then carrying them around the steep slope and stacking them on top of large rock formations and tree stumps. They were to act as padding between skiers and tragedy, at least until they rotted away.



My friend quit first after a few weeks. Gabor had a violent temper that flared almost instantly. One thing that set him off was if anyone broke an axe. After about 2 months on the job it was my turn. I brought him the broken axe and went to get a new one. When I turned around I saw him wind up and throw the axe head at me as hard as he could (from about 30 feet away) accompanied by a burst of Hungarian. I dodged the axe, laid my new one down and walked down the mountain shaking with emotions. As I recall I never tried to get whatever pay was owed.

One interesting thing I can remember. The cat skinner, a wizened older man, disappeared one morning soon after arriving at the site. Gabor finally got the reason out of the other men; the skinner had seen fresh moose tracks! He must have had a healthy respect for moose because he was sitting on a 30-ton steel caterpillar perched about 7 feet off the ground. Come to think of it though, a bull moose’s antlers probably protrude from about 7 feet off the ground.

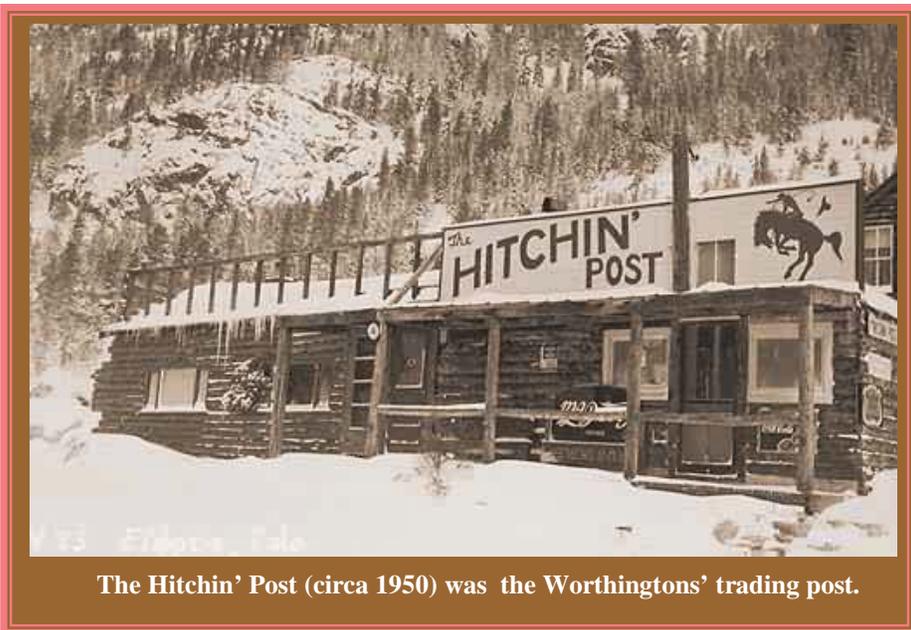
I left the company before the road project began. However, two winters later I was a self employed firewood supplier (lived in Coal Creek Canyon) and brought my 1939 Ford 1 ½ ton stake truck up that road while it was mostly still one lane. My intent was to take some of the hundreds of logs Gabor had accumulated. What a trip! I was more afraid of avalanches or rock slides than the steep drop-off. On the third trip he decided to start charging me for them so I stopped coming. I was actually glad because the trip down was even worse. I never got out of my two lowest gears, partly to stay in control on that awful road and partly because my master brake cylinder leaked and I had to stop occasionally to fill it (by turning into the mountain; the parking brake wouldn't hold the weight of the logs).



I have a lot of good memories of Eldora; I was a very successful fisherman from an early age. I loved to spend time at the Log Cabin Corner or at the Trading Post although the Worthingtons, while friendly, weren't the greatest conversationalists. I bought my first car from Mr. Worthington, a 1930 Model A Ford pickup with "The Green Ghost" painted on both doors (for \$65).

The Worthingtons apparently lived there for many years; were British born (by their accents and form of speech). Their store consisted of sundries (gum, candy, cigarettes) along with fishing supplies, post cards and many curios of all kinds for sale, many hand made.

I preferred the brightly lit Log Cabin store partly because of the amazing pinball machine that Arnold Cross rebuilt and maintained (it got a huge amount of nickels from me over the years) and, of course, the young live-in summer help (girls) that Isabel Cross brought in from out of state; a different one each summer.



The Hitchin' Post (circa 1950) was the Worthingtons' trading post.

I remember the horrible story of the Percheron draft horses that they used to snake the timber out after slash was cut off. The guy that owned the horses ended up killing one or both due to deep infections around the pastern joint. Pieces of a branch got into the frog between the frog and wall and worked its way to the coffin and pastern joint causing an abscess. They just kept on working the horses to death. A true animal cruelty nightmare.

Mike McCoy



We watched the building of the shelf road from our cabin porch at Peterson Lake. At first it was very painful. We lost our isolation which I loved and it was sad to see Tennessee being torn apart. It was a quite a shock the first time I saw a UPS truck on the dirt road. But building the ski area made it possible to wire the cabin and so easier for my parents as they got older to drive to and stay there. - Virginia Haffner Reid

## A History of Eldora Ski Area from One Person's Point of View

By Michael McCoy



**Buckeye Basin Wetland with Arapaho Peak in Distance**

Sometimes we do not have the experience, understanding, wisdom, insight or judgment as individuals or as a community to understand the magnitude and impact that an action and/or inaction might have in the future. We don't understand what we are losing until we have lost it. Worse yet, we have stolen from the next generation and they will not ever have the opportunity to experience what we did. Perhaps we learn from our mistakes and in the long run are offered the opportunity to make things better, even restoring some of the damage we have done.

I first met Gabor Cseh in the late 1950's several years after the Hungarian Revolution, which ended in November of 1956. Gabor left Hungary and came to the United States to start a new life. He was a man with tenacity, determination and a vision. Very few ventured into the high country in the winter at that time. It was rare to find any car parked where the pavement met the dirt. It was much different than it is today. It was mid-winter, January or February and we were camped in a snow cave above 4<sup>th</sup> of July Campground. Rarely, if ever, would we meet another person or group beyond the pavement but today was different.

First we heard the crack of a branch and then a man on cross-country skis appeared. I had never seen another person this far into the backcountry let alone one on skis. We all greeted each other, then got into an interesting discussion. He introduced himself as Gabor Cseh. He looked like a European Alpinist, a real mountaineer. He was heading up toward Diamond Lake checking the snow. He asked many questions about various areas from James Peak to Rocky Mountain National Park. He wanted to know if we had climbed James Peak, traversed the Continental Divide, and climbed Arapaho Peak, Longs Peak, etc. in the winter. The answer was never Longs in the winter but most of the rest. He was especially interested in the Corona Pass area. We talked about the wind that was never ending. We described wind and what it is like on James Peak or Arapaho Peak plus the wind chill factored in making a small mountain into a big and dangerous mountain.

That conversation led to an invitation to come to his house in Nederland where we met his wife Eva and his two young boys. On one occasion the question came up why all the interest in the backcountry, especially Corona Pass? I wondered if he worked for the Colorado Highway Department and was hoping to site a road. Not so long ago there was a plan put forth by Fay De Berard, a rancher and state legislator from Kremmling, to tunnel under the Continental Divide cutting the distance between Denver and the Western Slope. One site that was taken into consideration was Devils Thumb Pass. I always thought this had been put to rest but now the idea might be resurfacing.

He reassured me he did not work for the State of Colorado but was interested in establishing a ski area. Immediately I asked him about the wind. For most people the wind would be the death knell for any ski area around Eldora. I had taken him with me on a trip to Corona Pass but not in the winter and he assured me that Corona Pass was no longer of interest to him. This discussion took place around 1959 or 1960.

**Gabor Cseh ran the Pioneer Inn in Nederland for 10 years or so. He and his wife Eva were Hungarian, and if you called one day in advance, she would prepare the most delicious goulash you ever tasted. - Bill Gross**

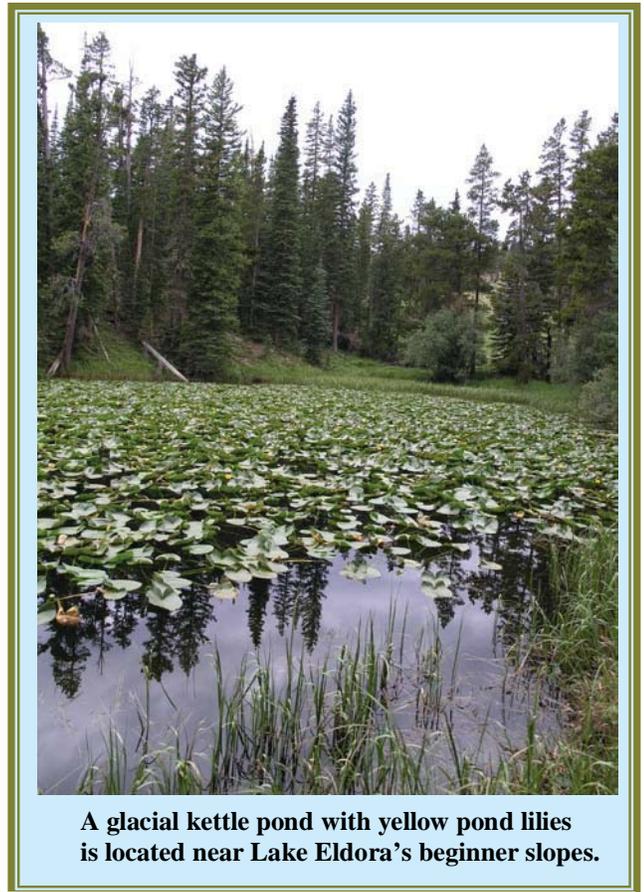
Now his interest had shifted to the Lake Eldora area at the west end of Peterson Lake on Bryan Mountain and back toward Jenny Creek. The interest in Corona Pass and the tie to the old Corona Rail Road grade, Yankee Doodle Lake, Bryan Mountain and Jenny Creek started to tie together in my mind. If he was interested in a ski area at Lake Eldora then the only way I could see getting there would be by way of Rollinsville and the old Corona Railroad grade to Jenny Creek then to Lake Eldora. I have to write some of this using 20/20 hindsight and from a naïve teenager's mind.

We did know that there were private land holders/speculative investors owning 400 acres to the west of Lake Peterson. We did not know how long Gabor had been working with these investors and whether he had put any money into the pot or whether he was hired as an expert to design the ski area. George Sweeney of BK Sweeney Electric in Denver was a major investor in the initiative. I can only speculate that there were negotiations going on with the USFS, the investors, Gabor and other critical landholders including Lee Evans. This would only make sense from the total perspective including the shelf road starting at Sulphide Flats traversing Tennessee Mountain to the ski area, the private land holdings and the public lands held by the USFS. These negotiations must have been going on for quite some time starting in the late 1950s. As I said before, Gabor was a determined man with a vision and his vision was becoming a reality.

I first met Gabor when I was 16 years old and really trusted him as a friend. That was three years before and now things were coming together. Gabor had asked the late Skye Van Ark and me if we would go to work for him developing the ski area. At the time \$50 per day looked great to us, so we agreed. The environmental movement was coming into its infancy with the publication of Silent Spring by Rachel Carson on September 27, 1962. The environmental moral guide prior to this was laid down by people including Thoreau, Emerson, Muir, and Leopold.

In the summer of 1961 the development of the Lake Eldora Ski Area was getting underway. I was working for the City of Boulder in the watershed at Silver Lake. We finished work in late August and I needed to continue working until I went back to the University of Colorado. I contacted Gabor and Skye and we went to work. It was hard, dangerous, degrading work. The days were usually 10 to 12 hours long. The major crew included Gabor, Skinny Fair, Fred Zamora, Jiggs Rawles, and Marion Fair. Zamora and Rawles were professional loggers from the western slope around Tabernash and Fraser. Marion was from Nederland. There were three or four young men cutting limbs and building slash piles. These included Chuck Wise, Danny Glasser and Len Cole from Nederland.

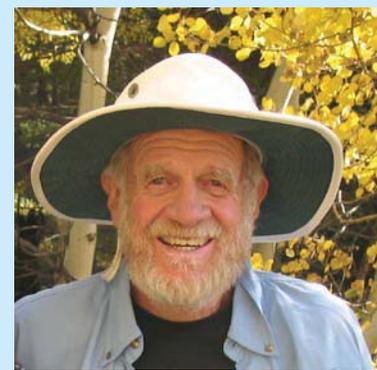
The job became an anathema to me. Anyone who could cut down an Engelmann spruce to make way for someone to sit in a chair lift going up a hill, then descend to meet America's passion for speed with an adrenalin rush and momentary exhilaration could not be connected with life and living systems. Skye and I both quit the job and went back to school. If I knew then what I realize too late today, my actions would have been far different. Looking back over the years, we should have all come together as a community in opposition to the ski area at its inception. But Eldora was still undeveloped and innocent in those days. People can snowshoe and cross country ski on their own. This certainly allows a much greater connection with the land and trades adrenalin for tranquility and silence. Snowmobiles, ski lifts and ski lodges degrade the land and spirit. Property rights and profit without moral guidance lead to ecological and social disaster, as we know all too well today.



**A glacial kettle pond with yellow pond lilies is located near Lake Eldora's beginner slopes.**

I cannot look back 50 years and judge others or myself for what could have been. Ecological awareness is now part of our social structure. We have major laws protecting pristine areas but they came too late for Lake Eldora.

We can no longer turn a blind eye to the destruction of land and other species without consequences. We see life from more than an anthropocentric point of view. We take other species into consideration. To degrade these systems puts civilization at risk. It is the cumulative impact and habitat fragmentation that add up to serious changes over time. Human development and ecological protection go hand in glove. Environmental restoration must become a major part of job opportunity as we move into the future.



Mike "Mick" McCoy  
September 2010  
Photo by Diane J. Brown

Michael McCoy practices veterinary medicine. He and his wife Patricia work tirelessly to protect the coastline and estuaries of Southern California. They spend every fall in their Eldora cabin.



← Eldora, Colorado  
in the early 1940s

Log Cabin Corner Store and the motel/dining room to the east are shown.

Postcard Courtesy of the Gross Collection

While working at the ski area Skye and I would eat our evening meal at the then dining room in the "motel" owned by Sue and Sonny Cross next to the Log Cabin Corner Grocery. Their Basset Hound had puppies and the pups would run around the floor of the dining area. One pup had problems with his extra long Basset ears and would get quite frustrated. He would step on one ear, then try to move without success, then stand on the other ear which pinned him to the floor. His frustration led to urination and the beginning of a Basset bay alerting us to do something now!! Sue and Sonny were very kind to us. I have always appreciated what they did for us and for the community. - Mike McCoy

Do something now!



My family was running the Log Cabin Corner when the ski area was being developed by Gabor Cseh. He came into the store several times trying to get us to support his efforts, but we did not because we thought that the ski area was being built in the improper place. Gabor was using snow depth measurements further to the west for his justification to build the ski area where he did.

Arnold Cross

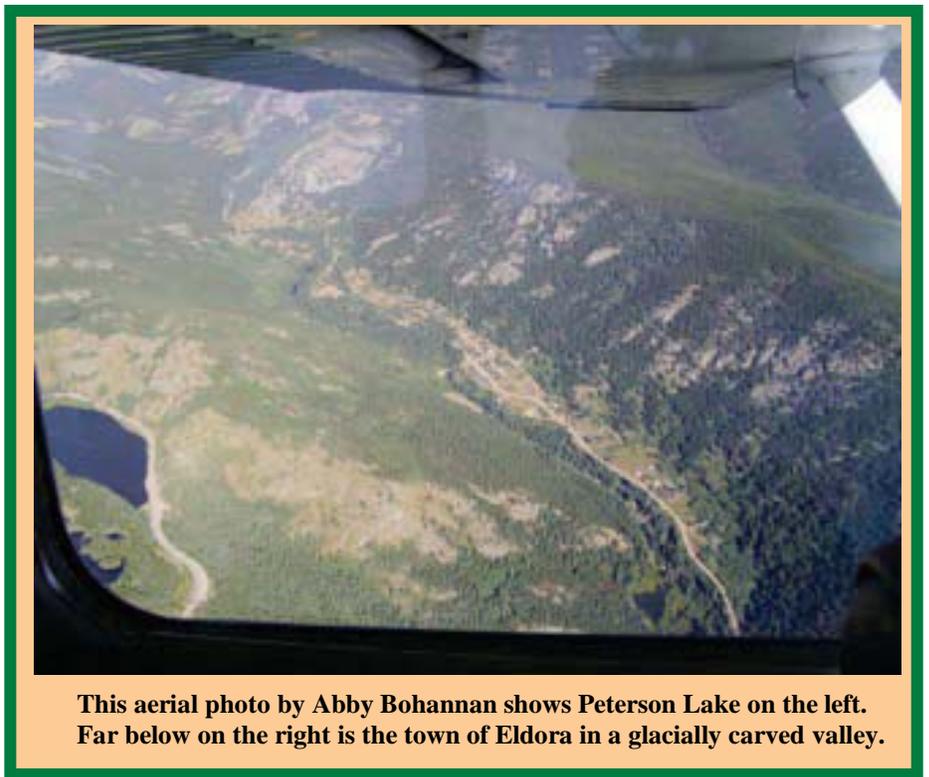
Skye Van Ark, Robert Goolsby and I were close friends. Skye was Robert's best man in his wedding. Skye's cousin was Joan Van Ark who became quite a famous actress, Hollywood style, and now lives in Studio City, California. Joan and Skye were part of the Eldora community in the late 1950s. Skye and his daughter Kristen were killed in a plane crash off southeast Alaska in 1977. - Mike McCoy

## Lake Eldora

by Payson Sheets



When I was young, say between 5 and 15 years old, (1949 to circa 1960) I used to hike on summer days from Eldora up over Spencer Mountain to Peterson Lake and Lake Eldora. It often was with Mike McCoy, and with others. Every summer we would build a raft or two out of driftwood, and use them for fishing and for fun. We caught quite a bit of fish that our mothers appreciated when we brought them back to town late in the day, especially if we cleaned them first. We did not like to do that, but usually did.



This aerial photo by Abby Bohannon shows Peterson Lake on the left. Far below on the right is the town of Eldora in a glacially carved valley.

The only way into those lakes was by a little trail from town, or up the old abandoned road from Marysville. Hence there were no wheeled vehicles of any kind, and it was quiet and peaceful with lots of wildlife. We would see deer and elk regularly, often beavers, and see evidence of bears. This was well before the ski area got to paving, bulldozing, cutting timber, making noise with snowmaking, eliminating wildlife habitat, and all their other ways of what they call "development."

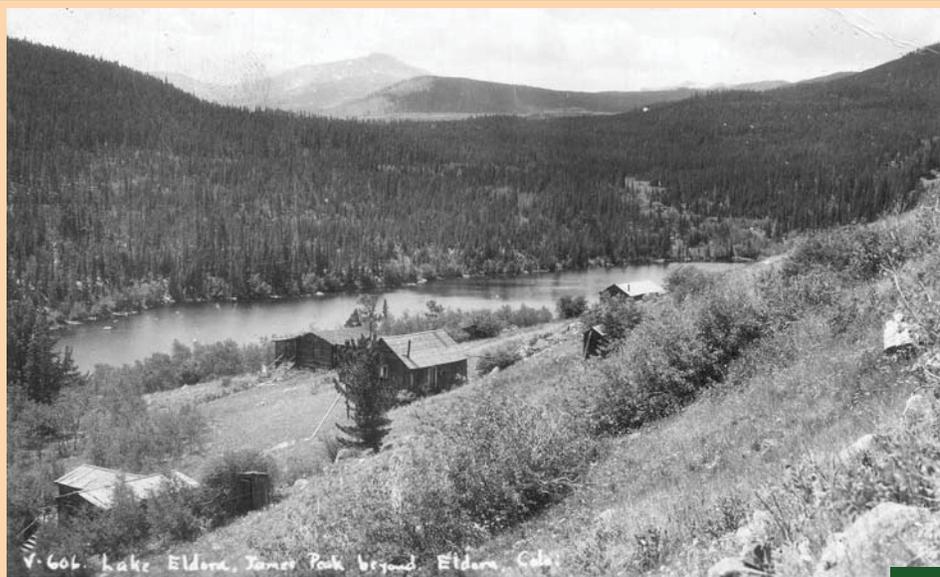
We were fascinated with Annie Brown's lodge. It was huge, a good three stories tall, all nicely furnished inside with rough wood and that huge fireplace and tall chimney. It must have been a glory in the past. And she had a few individual cabins scattered in the woods nearby, around Lake Eldora. There even were the beds still in there, bed frames and springs, but the mattresses were gone. But still there were utensils such as plates, cups, forks, cooking pots, and the like. What a wonderful opportunity to have conserved and protected it as a historic monument. But sadly it was not, and has deteriorated as people have become exclusionary with No Trespassing and Private Property signs. People in Eldora and environs when I was young used to enjoy meeting strangers, and were welcoming to them on their property. Is that human value permanently lost?

We quickly learned that we could move our rafts around with long poles, and we learned that Peterson Lake was much too deep for that. We could only "navigate" around the edges. But Lake Eldora was perfect, and we loved it there. One time we had gone a couple weeks or more and had seen nobody else up there at all. So one day we were fishing in a natural state when to our horror we heard girls' voices. A lot of them! We barely had time to jump in the water when a troop of Girl Scouts rounded the bend. And it took them FOREVER to get past us, as our body temperatures dropped to what felt like sub-freezing. They saw us and we did detect considerable giggling, and a few comments about how long we were staying "under water" which in those days had a literal meaning, nothing about loss of real estate values. Somehow we survived. And learned?

But now Jim Spenst, the ski area manager, likes to call Peterson Lake "Peterson Reservoir" as he grabs onto everything he can, so he can make a greater profit. The lakes will never be the same, but I just hope his plans to expand northward to wreck even more habitat all the way to the Middle Fork of Boulder Creek are not successful.

**In this day and age the Lake Eldora resort and surrounding lands might have been preserved as an historic site with adjoining open space lands, much as the Caribou Ranch to the north is being preserved. But in the 1930s and 1940s the timing was wrong and instead the lake resort fell into ruin and the land was developed into an industrial recreation site. If predicted climate change puts an end to the profitability of a front range ski resort, Peterson Lake and Lake Eldora might have a second chance at realizing a different outcome in the future. - Diane J. Brown**

## The Haffner Cabin at Petersen Lake by Virginia Haffner Reid



↑ A postcard with a panoramic view of the Haffner cabin, Peterson Lake and James Peak was mailed to Virginia Haffner from Eldora on September 17, 1955 with a 2¢ stamp.

The Brock-Haffner Press produced postcards of Frank's paintings of Peterson Lake and the Front Range and also printed the Switzerland Trail of America brochures. The Haffner family visited with guests at Eldora Resort and at the O'Rourke and Grant cabins located along the shore of Peterson Lake. Dad Hazen of Eldora notoriety did odd jobs for Frank and Matilda. Water was carried from a spring located east of the Resort. Frank's son Ed took a burro over Spencer for supplies in Eldora, where he met Don Kemp. Ed and Don became lifelong friends. Frank Haffner died in 1918. The beauty of the area and the romance of living in an old log cabin call back his descendants every summer.



↑ Ed Haffner leans on burro, Ruth is on burro, and Rose is right of burro. Frank Haffner is the man on the far right. The two-story log cabin was owned by Percy Chamberlain and later bought by the Rocky Mountain Climbers Club. It burned down and was rebuilt. The cabin with the steps was the O'Rourke cabin, which has since been torn down. It once belonged to Gabor Cseh.

In January 1906 Frank J. Haffner, avid fisherman and painter, bought land from J. A. Gilfillan for a cabin on the south side of Spencer Mountain. The one room cabin was built later that year above the old Eldora Resort located at the east end of Peterson Lake. The porch offered a splendid view of the lake and James Peak. Between 1906 and 1918, Frank's wife Matilda and their four children often lived at the cabin all summer. Frank would come up from Denver on weekends. A large kitchen was added in 1914.

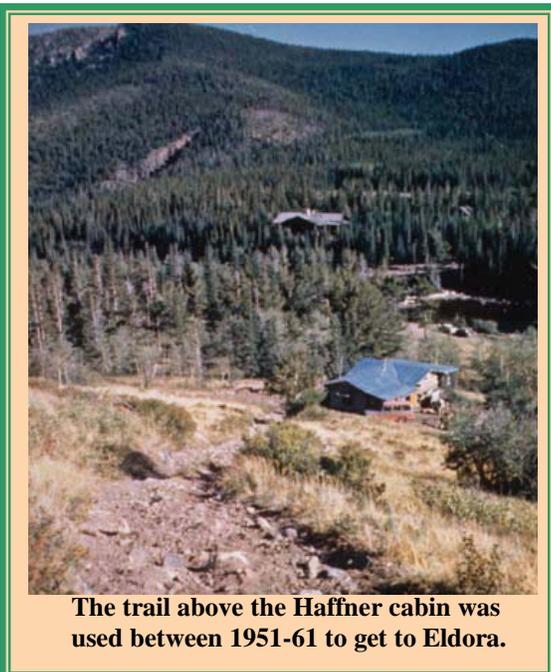
Ruth Haffner stands next to Ed Haffner who is on the burro. The men slept on the porch, the women inside. Photo was taken before 1914. ↓



The original stove that Matilda Haffner cooked on was used for cooking until 1963; it is still used for heat.

Ed Haffner brought his mother to the cabin for short stays until she died in 1948. Ed married Virginia Van Duzer in 1932. They used the cabin from 1932 to 1975, the year Ed died. Their daughter Virginia has come almost every summer since her birth. She married Roderick Reid in 1959. They hiked the Marysville trail to the cabin where they spent their honeymoon. The Reid children Katherine, Valerie and Rod arrived as infants and continue to visit. Valerie Reid Jordan and John Jordan now come often with their son Henry.

The adventure of getting to the cabin has become part of the lore of any stay on the south side of Spencer Mountain. Trips were first made on the Switzerland Trail of America to Eldora and then up the Marysville Road by buckboard to the Eldora Resort. Ed Haffner drove the first car to the Resort. He came from Tolland, past the Zarlengo Saw Mill and followed a logging road over Jenny Creek, up Dead Man's Gulch and down around the east end of Peterson Lake. After Annie Brown Morris stopped using Dixie Lodge and the Eldora Resort closed in 1924, the area was left in solitude. But Ed and Virginia continued to drive the logging road from Tolland to the cabin. He carried tools in his car to rebuild the bridges over Jenny Creek and repair the parts of the road that washed out every spring. That road is now lost in the maze of cross-country ski trails.



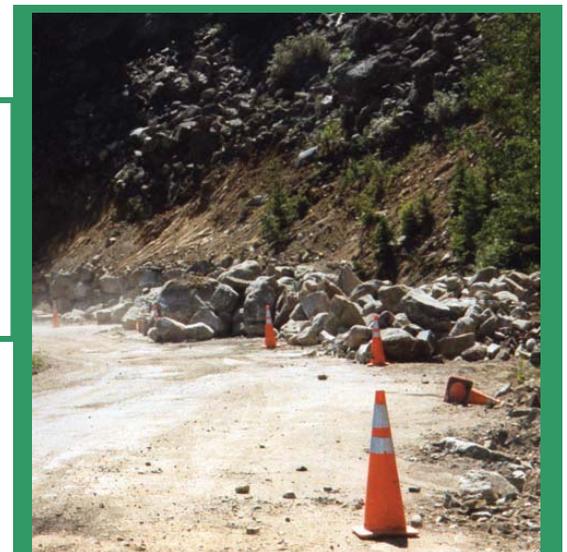
The trail above the Haffner cabin was used between 1951-61 to get to Eldora.

In the early 1950s when all the bridges over Jenny Creek were beyond repair, Don Kemp and Ed reopened the mine road that had once gone from the south end of Spencer Mountain to the Enterprise Mine and on to Eldora. Ed drove this track in his Jeep from about 1951 to 1961, when the Lake Eldora Corporation constructed the shelf road on Tennessee Mountain. The Haffners sat on the cabin porch and watched as the road moved up the side of Tennessee and on to the ski area. Rock slides and potholes on the unpaved, narrow shelf road were a challenge for all who drove it. Once it became a Boulder County road, it gradually improved. Even today, Tennessee Mountain drops rockslides just to remind everyone of the injury it has suffered. However, the road always offers a thrilling view of Devil's Thumb and the Indian Peaks, a vista that says, "You're almost there."



← The view of Devil's Thumb from the Shelf Road

Each approach to Peterson Lake has resulted in a different ambiance in the area. A community feeling was most prevalent during the years the old Eldora Resort was open and Annie Brown Morris's Dixie Lodge was used. The Perry-Mansfield Dance Camp was held at Dixie Lodge in 1913. The Camp and dancers brought added excitement to Peterson Lake and employment for Eldora residents. When Annie Brown Morris stopped using Dixie Lodge and Eldora Resort closed in 1924, Ed and Virginia Haffner were the only people who stayed at Peterson Lake on a regular basis between 1924 to 1961.



Serious rockslide on the Shelf Road in 1996

The Perry-Mansfield Performing Arts Camp moved to Steamboat Springs in 1914. It is the oldest continuously operating school of its kind in the nation.



**Don Kemp took this photo above Peterson Lake around 1947. The woman is likely Gail Shickley, who lived in Marysville, and often rode horses into the high country with Don.**

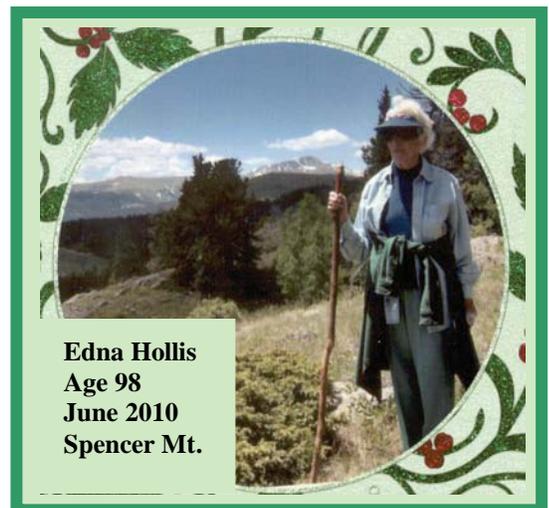
Around 1937, Don Kemp began to ride his horse up Spencer to photograph the area and stop by for visits. After Don and Ed opened the Spencer Mountain mine road in 1951, Ed would bring Don and Lois Kemp and Lola and Harry King from Eldora up the Enterprise Road and down Spencer for a dinner cooked on the same wood stove that Matilda Haffner had used. However, with the Jenny Creek bridges gone and the Enterprise Road offering a rough jeep ride up and over Spencer, few people found their way to Peterson Lake. Virginia and Ed spent quiet summers on their porch enjoying the hummingbirds and views of the lake and James Peak.

The Haffners' daughter Virginia spent her childhood summers at the cabin before the ski area was built. She explored the abandoned buildings of Dixie Lodge and the old Eldora Resort and rafted along the shores of Eldora and Peterson Lakes. She watched beaver at work during the day on the water and saw deer, bear, cougar, coyote, fox, and marmot at various times. Owls were heard every night. She looked at the mines and walked the logging road down Dead Man's Gulch to fish Jenny Creek. In the 1940s and 1950s when the Kemps were sometimes the only winter residents in Eldora, the Haffner family occasionally drove from Denver to spend a frosty winter night with the Kemps. About 1957, Edna Hollis and her Girl Scout troops began to hike up the Marysville Trail and camp in the grove of trees north of the old resort buildings. After the ski road was finished, life in the area changed again. In July 1960 Harvey and Edna Hollis bought the Grant cabin at the far west end of Peterson Lake, and around 1964 Natalie Bentzen and Sara Morlan built a log cabin near the Haffners. All became good friends and there was a new era of visiting along the Lake.



The opening of the shelf road and ski area brought traffic and new activity to the entire region. Ed and Virginia were on Spencer the night Dixie Lodge burned down in 1969. Squatters were having a loud party at the Lodge. The group lost control of their fire and fled into the woods. When the Nederland Fire Department arrived to fight the fire, water was pumped from Peterson Lake through hoses that had been hand-carried from Peterson up to Dixie Lodge. The Lodge was destroyed, but the huge efforts of the firefighters prevented the fire from spreading into the forest.

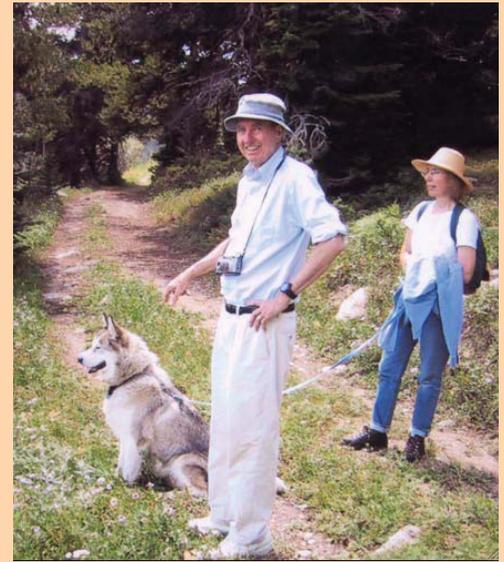
In the 1980s when the Reid children were teens, they brought their friends from California to raft the lakes, fish Jenny Creek and look at the mines. Sometimes Jan Ertl and his children stayed at their old cabin east of the Reids and would drop by for a visit. Hikes to Lost Lake, Diamond Lake and Pawnee Pass became annual rituals. In 1996 when Edna Hollis was a young 84, she, her daughters, a nephew and Virginia Reid hiked together to Devil's Thumb Lake. Now in 2010, a fifth generation descendant of Frank Haffner, Henry Jordan, walks the trails with his parents, Valerie Reid Jordan and John Jordan. They take their dogs for swims in the lakes and hike to the Terror Mine to view the sunrise and gaze down into Eldora.



**Edna Hollis  
Age 98  
June 2010  
Spencer Mt.**



Autumn colors are reflected in lovely Columbine Lake.



↑ Rod and Virginia Reid walk to Columbine Lake on the old logging road, the southern extension of the Enterprise Road. In some areas the road was corded, but just about all trace of cords are gone.



The historic Haffner cabin with its new green metal roof has a breathtaking view of Peterson Lake and James Peak.



Colorado Blue Columbine  
*Aquilegia caerulea*



The July 28, 2010 hailstorm hit hard from the west end of Arapaho Ranch to Marysville and on up to Peterson Lake where as much as a foot of hail fell. The shelf road is on the left and the road going west to Eldora is in the center.

An old cabin sitting at 9,300 feet on a windy mountain needs lots of maintenance. Ed Haffner, working alone, put on four roofs, replaced chinking, foundation logs and did carpentry work - all without electricity. When power arrived to build the ski area, Ed wired the cabin and then had a bedroom added in 1963. Ed's son-in-law Roderick Reid did roof repairs, foundation work and log preservation in the 1970s. A friend, Malcolm MacMillan, did roofing and replaced the entire foundation in the 1990s. He installed a new composting toilet in 2004. Valerie and John Jordan do maintenance now. The July 28, 2010 hailstorm brought the need for a fifth new roof. And so, the cycles of work and adventure go on. The beauty and romance of the area endure and the brave old cabin up on the south side of Spencer is ready to shelter another generation of family and friends.

## Lake Eldora Ski Corporation and Eldora Mountain Resort: A Chronology



EMR now has:  
680 acres of  
ski terrain,  
53 trails,  
12 lifts, and  
40 km of  
crosscountry/  
snowshoe trails

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Reflection of Eldora Ski Area in Peterson Lake by Diane J. Brown

1961: George Sweeney, Gabor Cseh, Frank Ashley and Donald Robertson buy 400 acres encompassing where the ski area lodge and parking facilities are today.

1962: Shelf Road (County Road 140) is constructed along the north slope of Tennessee Mountain.

December 1962: Lake Eldora pioneer ski area opens 20 miles west of Boulder. It has a new lodge, newly paved access road and 2 T-bars serving 12 trails.

1963: From 480 acres of private land, the old site of the Eldora Resort & Power Company, ski runs are expanded onto 480 acres of Roosevelt National Forest land with a special use permit from the U. S. Forest Service.

August 1966: Mrs. Jo Crago and her son John open the Alpenhorn restaurant/bar at Lake Eldora Ski Area, opening at 11 a.m. daily on a year-round basis. They serve groups and parties by reservation. Fishing at the lake is available on weekends.

1967: Tell Ertl family buys control of the ski corporation

1968: Lake Eldora becomes one of the first ski areas to make its own snow.

1970s: Eisenhower Tunnel opens, greatly improving access to Vail and Breckenridge; not good news for Eldora.

1983: Ertls put ski area up for sale for \$10 million, citing losses of \$500,000 per year for 3 years

1985: Ertl family leases ski area to O. Z. Minkin, who agrees to buy it for \$5.2 million. Minkin runs up huge operating deficits during the 1985-86 season.

1986: Minkin defaults on the loan and the property reverts to the Ertls. The area is closed for the 1986-87 season. Best year ever!

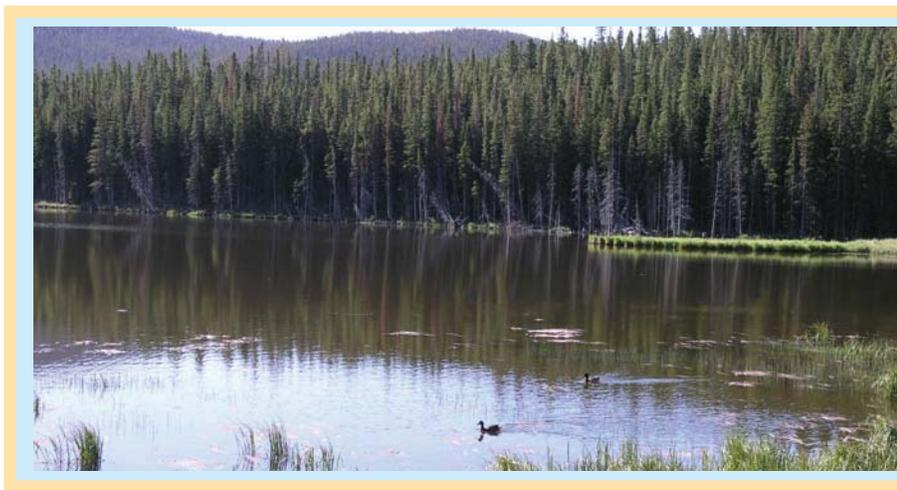
1987: Andy Daly, from Copper Mountain Resort, takes over as president of Lake Eldora Ski Corporation in an attempt to turn resort around. Expansion is deemed necessary. Lake Eldora Corporation agrees to pay \$10,000 - \$15,000 for a radio-collar study by the Division of Wildlife on the elk that migrate and have a nursery area on the ski area property. Eldora resident Dave Hallock conducts the majority of this four-year study, finding that two herds of elk utilize the ski area, mostly during summer and as a movement corridor between ranges.

1988: Eldora buys new snowmaking equipment and improves trails in Corona Bowl.

November 1989: Vail Associates, Inc. announces purchase of controlling interest in the ski corporation. Daly is named president of Beaver Creek and leaves Eldora. Ski area name is changed to Eldora Mountain Resort. New ski school building is added to base operations.

1991: Andy Daly and Vail Associates announce they will not renew their lease to operate Eldora Mountain Resort, the 210-acre alpine and Nordic ski area, from Lake Eldora Ski Corporation owned by the Ertl family.

June 1991: Eldora Enterprises Ltd. Liability Company, headed by Chuck Lewis, purchases Eldora Ski Area, including 200 acres, the ski lodge, snowmaking and lift equipment. The Ertl family keeps 280 acres.



*Acroloxus coloradensis*  
The tiny Rocky Mountain capshell snail is a glacial relict mollusk that survived glaciation in high altitude lakes above ice sheets.

October 1992: The rare Rocky Mountain capshell snail in Peterson Lake impacts how much water may be used in artificial snowmaking. The Peterson Lake capshell snail population, studied by Dr. Shi-Kuei of CU, had declined precipitously since 1970. By 1992, only 3 specimens were found in a two-day dive. Possible reasons for decline: fluctuations in lake level due to snowmaking; pollution of lake water.

1993: A survey of Rocky Mountain capshell snail populations, funded by Eldora Mountain Resort, ERTL, Inc. and the Colorado Division of Wildlife, is conducted by Pioneer Environmental Services, Inc., a consultant to EMR. Three additional snail populations are found, including one at Lost Lake near Hessie. The Colorado Division of Wildlife recommends the snail retain its status as a “species of concern.” In November 1993 Eldora Mountain Resort announces plans to increase the draw down of the lake from 5 feet to 6 feet.

1993: Eldora Mountain Resort lays 30,000 feet of pipe for snowmaking. The USFS is approached with a proposal to set up a pump station on Middle Boulder Creek below the Corona Lift for snowmaking. Pump station is not built.

Mid-1990s: Ski area master plan is reviewed by Boulder County. Plan includes expansion, improvements to the shelf road and water rights for snowmaking. County puts limits on skier numbers; ski area files lawsuit against County. The condition of the Shelf Road is a major obstacle to increasing skier numbers. The County wants the ski area to pay for necessary road improvements.

October 1994: Eldora Mountain Resort expands snowmaking to Corona Bowl.

August 1995: Tom Spangler, general manager of EMR states, “It can take anywhere from 130,000 gallons to 180,000 gallons of water to cover one acre with one foot of snow.”

March 1996: Boulder County sets a cap of 180,000 on Eldora skier visits, in order to protect the area from overuse, to ease noise and parking complaints and because of wildlife issues. Ski area sues County over the cap and in May the cap is upped to 206,000 skiers.

November 1996: The Boulder County Commissioners initiate a ballot issue to raise \$2.2 million for road improvements to County Road 140 (Shelf Road); voters reject the mill levy.

January 1998: Boulder County and EMR agree to split \$1.3 million cost for improving CR 140 – the shelf road to the ski area.

2006-2010 The pesticide carbaryl is sprayed on EMR and USFS lands to combat the pine beetle. Eldora residents express concerns about the effects of toxic chemical drift on air and water quality in Eldora townsite.

2008: Climate models project that mountain climates will have warmer winters, shorter snow seasons, and precipitation in the form of rain rather than snow. With worsening conditions for snow sports, including downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and snowmobiling, participation in these sports may become unviable by 2050. A shortening of the ski season would be an economic disaster for the ski industry. In addition water issues are likely to become more critical in the Rockies.

July 2010: Eldora Mountain Resort sues Paonia LLC, a utility contractor from Colorado Springs that inadvertently cut off electrical service while excavating in the area on Presidents Day weekend, forcing the resort to close for a day and lose “significant” revenue.

July 2010: Eldora Mountain Resort submits a master development plan update to the U. S. Forest Service. Expansion is proposed outside the current Forest Service permit boundary onto public lands down to Hessie and Middle Boulder Creek just west of the town of Eldora.



**ELDORA WEATHER REPORT**

September 2010 to January 2011

By John "Brock" Brocklehurst



September 2010 in Boulder County will be remembered for the Four Mile Canyon Fire, which destroyed 6,000 acres and 169 homes. Eldora was lucky this time. No snow fell in September and temperatures in the seventies were the norm with a glorious show of aspen gold.

October brought cool overnight temperatures with a mixture of rain and snow. Thanksgiving week warned us of the rapid approach of winter with bitter cold and a wind chill reading of minus 49° Fahrenheit.

December saw 29 inches of snow spread throughout the month, but also brought warmth to the heart with a grand, generous party at the home of Marc and Laura Fisher, attended by more than eighty residents who braved the frigid wind and temperatures well below freezing.

The New Year came in like a LION. At the far west end of Eldora Laura Fisher reported a wind chill factor of 69.8° below zero at 6:40 PM on December 31, 2010. On January 1, 2011 the wind was gusting at 60 – 73 mph. Fifty inches of snow have been recorded so far this winter with a peak gust of 87 mph.



**SPEEDING THROUGH ELDORA**

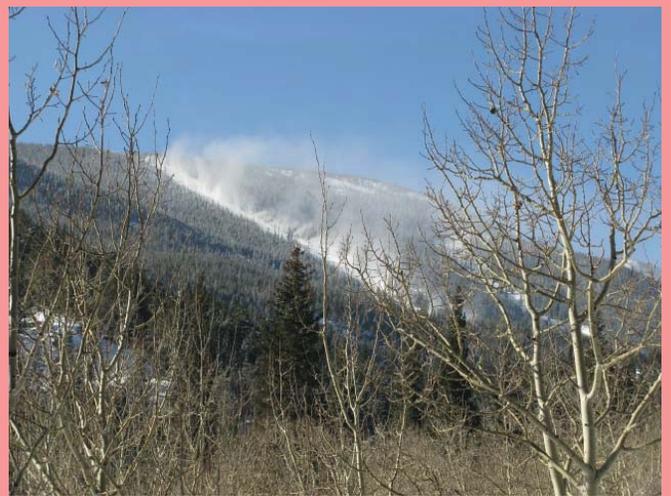
Dear Eldorans,

A few of us have met recently with Boulder County transportation personnel to discuss strategies to reduce speeding through town. With the closure of the Rainbow Lakes area this summer, we expect an increase in traffic and folks in a hurry.

The County will need six to eight weeks to place temporary speed bumps, rumble strips, additional signs, or any other measures we recommend.

There will be a town meeting to discuss options on Monday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. at the Gold Miner Hotel. If you cannot attend but would like to have some input, please e-mail Todd Buchanan at [tmbuchanan@juno.com](mailto:tmbuchanan@juno.com).

Ted Warren  
Todd Buchanan  
Audrey Godell



Corona Snowmaking on December 17, 2010 by Laura Fisher

**Sleepless in Eldora**

On windless nights the west end of town is kept awake by the noise of snowmaking at Eldora Mountain Resort. Up to 30 snow guns blasting at the same time sound like a giant blowtorch. People and wildlife may be wishing for strong winds to drown out the relentless mechanical drone.

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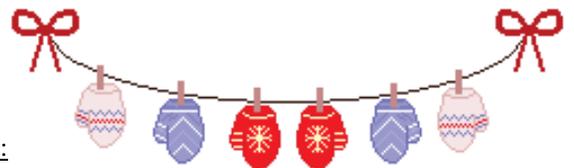
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