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1: to secure a person at the end of a rope
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UNDYING TRUST

Jesse Adamy

TRUST. IT'S A SIMPLE FIVE LETTER WORD. How much meaning can it have? What is trust? What is true, undivided, undying trust?

Some people might answer having remembered a trust building exercise they did at work, where you stand on a chair and fall backwards into an awaiting co-worker's arms. Others may remember an office secret they were trusted to keep, or a debt they were trusted to pay back.

To a mountain rescuer or a climber, trust means much more than keeping a water cooler secret, or making a payment with material things thought to have value. To us it means trusting your partner with nothing short of your own life. Your LIFE—the ultimate price.

In the climbing community, or within any search and rescue team, some people are more trustworthy than others. Whether it's because they are not knowledgeable, or not attentive enough, without a doubt there are some who don't deserve to be trusted with your life. Many are. However, the courageous one is not only the person that holds the other's life in his hands, but is also the one trusting enough to put total and complete faith in another person.

I remember on a recent training, Bill Barrett was placed as a subject on a vertical practice. Without being a climber, he had no idea what that #2 Camelot could hold. He had never placed a cam before, nor had any experience with them. He trusted in his teammate who had placed the bomber gear though, much like the less experienced climber who will follow her partner to the end of the world on trad multipitch with complete trust for her safety.

The trick is to know who you can and can't trust. There are some people you just click with. You can tell upon first meeting them, without a doubt, you can trust this person—and some, not so much. I will tell you though, I have never met a closer group of friends than those that I know from climbing and SAR. We share experiences that may unexpectedly become epic.

These groups have very diverse lifestyles, beliefs, ages and backgrounds, but through experiences together, we all share that common, "I got you" trust.

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Fatherly Advice

Field Director Scott Walker

SPRING IS HERE, SUMMER IS COMING. OUR MISSION LOAD HAS seemed a little low so far this year but it's warming up, so be prepared. Rampart Range road and all the trails that were closed for "vegetation thinning" are now open. We have had a couple of calls for injured motorcycle riders this spring, we know we can expect more.

Congratulations to the first two members of the class of 2010/11 to become fielded members: **Paul Ashton** and **Aaron Bandell**. Both of these guys had all their sign-offs complete before the written test was given. After passing the test they turned in their paperwork and were presented with pagers at the following Wednesday's meeting. GOOD WORK MEN! There are several other trainees that are close to being fielded, and probably will be by the time this is published. Nice work to the entire 2010/11 class. You have all worked hard for the last nine months and I know you will be a valuable part of the team.

At the time of this writing, the Devil's Head Red Ale has not been tapped. By the time you are reading this, it will have been. (Barrett, Mott and their deadlines!) Regardless of the outcome, which I'm sure will be (was) great, a lot of work was put into this event. Thank You Jim Carpozi for initiating this plan and following through with it. I know there are many others that have helped Jim and I thank all of you as well. This fundraising event was a test of what will hopefully become an annual event.

On the same day as the fundraiser we supported AirLife at their memorial run/walk/EMS muster. Thanks to Bob Mobeck and Cody, Eric Mott, and

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"710 Call Dispatch"

President Bruce Fosdick

In Memory: Tim Cochrane 1950 -2011

SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE SEEN RECENT POSTS ON THE CSRB or DCSAR newsgroups and wonder, who is Tim Cochrane, and how does he relate to DCSAR? Tim Cochrane was one of the founding members of the Vail Mountain Rescue Group. The team was founded in the late seventies and Tim has been a driving force in the organization ever since.

Vail Mountain Rescue Group (VMRG) serves Eagle County, with the Holy Cross Wilderness sitting right in the middle of everything. Anyone who has spent any time in search and rescue in Colorado has spent time on that mountain.

I met Tim in the late eighties while representing another team in the state at Colorado Search and Rescue Board meetings. He was either the president or just the chief trouble maker, I don't really remember. We immediately became friends as I started the effort to get the Arapahoe Rescue Patrol into the MRA - he was region chair at the time.

As the years went on, he and I both served as State Search and Rescue Coordinators together, often assigning each other missions to go work. Tim went on to serve as president of the Mountain Rescue Association for a couple terms.

Tim traveled across the US and internationally, helping teams, MRA Regions (he helped both Alaska Region and several Canadian Teams in the International Region get going) and entire nations setting up mountain rescue teams. He was honored in Italy several years ago as well as receiving the

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CODE 1

Member Spotlight: Wes Go

ANOTHER SATURDAY MORNING FOR A 9:00 AM TRAINING AND Wes Go pulls up right on time at 9:15 AM, having arrived before only one other member. We won't tell you where Wes thought staging was that morning, but at least he arrived on the correct day.

We all know Wes, the guy with a wealth of knowledge and know-how in the art of technical rescue. Surely he was born with a silver carabiner in his mouth? Not so! Wes was born in New York City—Manhattan, in fact (and it was silver chopsticks, actually). That's the same region of the country as another teammate, Jim Carpozi. The similar accents should be a dead giveaway!

At a young age, he moved to Brooklyn and lived there for fourteen years before heading off to college at a fairly well known liberal-arts university in central New Jersey. It was not until a geology field camp in Red Lodge, Montana that Wes had his first experience with a climbing rope. We can thank one of Wes's fellow students at the Yellowstone-Bighorn Research Association for introducing Wes to technical rock climbing.

After studying Biology, Oceanography, and Architecture, he received a degree in Civil Engineering and Geology (Go figure). His first stop after graduation was Michigan, near the Manistree National Forest, where he participated in a post-graduate study of the apple maggot fly, *Rhagoletis pomonella*.

The speciation study involved capturing flies, marking them with liquid paper and a Sharpie, releasing them into a nineteen-tree test plot, and then finding them again.

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Upcoming Events

May 21, 2011

End of the world—oops.

May 27-30, 2011

Labor Day weekend standby, Rampart Range.

June 2-4, 2011

NASAR Conference: Sparks, NV

June 4, 2011

Summer kickoff party at Karl Kline's house; this will probably be the REAL end of the world.

June 12, 2011

Poker Run, Rampart Range

June 16-19, 2001

MRA Spring Meeting: Eagle, CO

June 17, 2011

PR Event: Agilent Technologies job fair

June 18, 2011

Mountain Mettle Endurance Ride—staffing volunteers needed.

July 4, 2011

Independence Day Parade: Highlands Ranch

July 21, 2011

Prospective member meeting: Fairgrounds

April, 2015

MRA Re-accreditation weekend; please block off that whole year on your calendar.



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What is the probability of detection for a single fly in a grove of nineteen apple and hawthorn trees, you ask? We asked the same thing. "It was no problem, we always found them again," Wes stated. Uh-huh.

After that thing with the flies, he spent several years in New Jersey working as an environmental engineer investigating and remediating hazardous waste sites, among other things. He also volunteered as a firefighter, EMT, and CPR and first aid instructor.

Wes says at that point in his life, he heard the mountains calling him, "Go West, Wes Go!" they said. So he moved to Colorado.

Wes married his wife, Sook Hee, in 1996. Sook Hee was born in Seoul, South Korea and moved to the United States at age twelve. Sook Hee's uncle was an American serviceman serving in Korea and the entire family immigrated to the United States in 1978.

Wes and Sook Hee share common interests in travel, games, food, and have seven nephews and nieces; but most importantly, Sook Hee supports and encourages Wes's involvement with DCSAR, an important component for many teammates.

Wes joined DCSAR in 2000 in the same class as Dave Farrar, Steve Huffman, and seven others who wish to remain nameless. Wes currently works as a geospatial scientist at a satellite imaging company that also wishes to remain nameless. His involvement in remote sensing R&D projects sounds interesting enough, and we have all seen the results of his company's efforts whenever we use the satellite view of Google Maps and Google Earth.

Wes remains active with his hobbies of skiing, hiking, climbing, biking, and designing and building trails with Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado. All that physical activity has taken a toll on his joints however! So whenever you are on a search team with Wes and have to leave halfway through training because you claim you are "sick," just remember that Wes is out there hiking around having a torn meniscus, ACL, and osteoarthritis in BOTH his knees, and he suffers from gout in his feet.

Now that's dedication! Thanks, Wes, for your numerous contributions to DCSAR!



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DEVIL'S IN THE BREW

After months of planning and anticipation, the first annual fundraising event at Elk Mountain Brewing occurred on Sunday, May 22. Congratulations and thanks to Jim Carpozi for his visionary idea and his exhaustive efforts in making this unique event a reality.

The team also extends its gratitude to Tom Bell, the proprietor of Elk Mountain Brewing, for his gracious hospitality, providing a well-crafted and delicious recipe for Devil's Head Red, and for allowing us to hang a litter from the roof of his establishment (or at least he looked the other way).

The day started with the announcement of the winner of the logo design contest, Emily Dunn, and words of thanks and encouragement to the team from Douglas County Sheriff David Weaver.

Guests arrived throughout the afternoon to partake of the new beer, enjoy pizza and sandwiches, and bid on various items of artwork and merchandise in the silent auction. Without fail, visitors offering their support mentioned what a good cause a ~~good microbrew~~ search and rescue really is.

An extra measure of thanks and sympathy goes out to DCSAR members who eagerly refrained from partaking in the libations in order to be assigned to the response team in the event that a mission occurred during the event; thankfully, that didn't happen.

Thanks again to all who made this day a success! The editorial staff has heard rumors that trainee Darrell Summers finished his required skill sign-offs to become a fielded member at the event that day, but the paperwork has not been located . . .



Sheriff David Weaver helps kick off the festivities



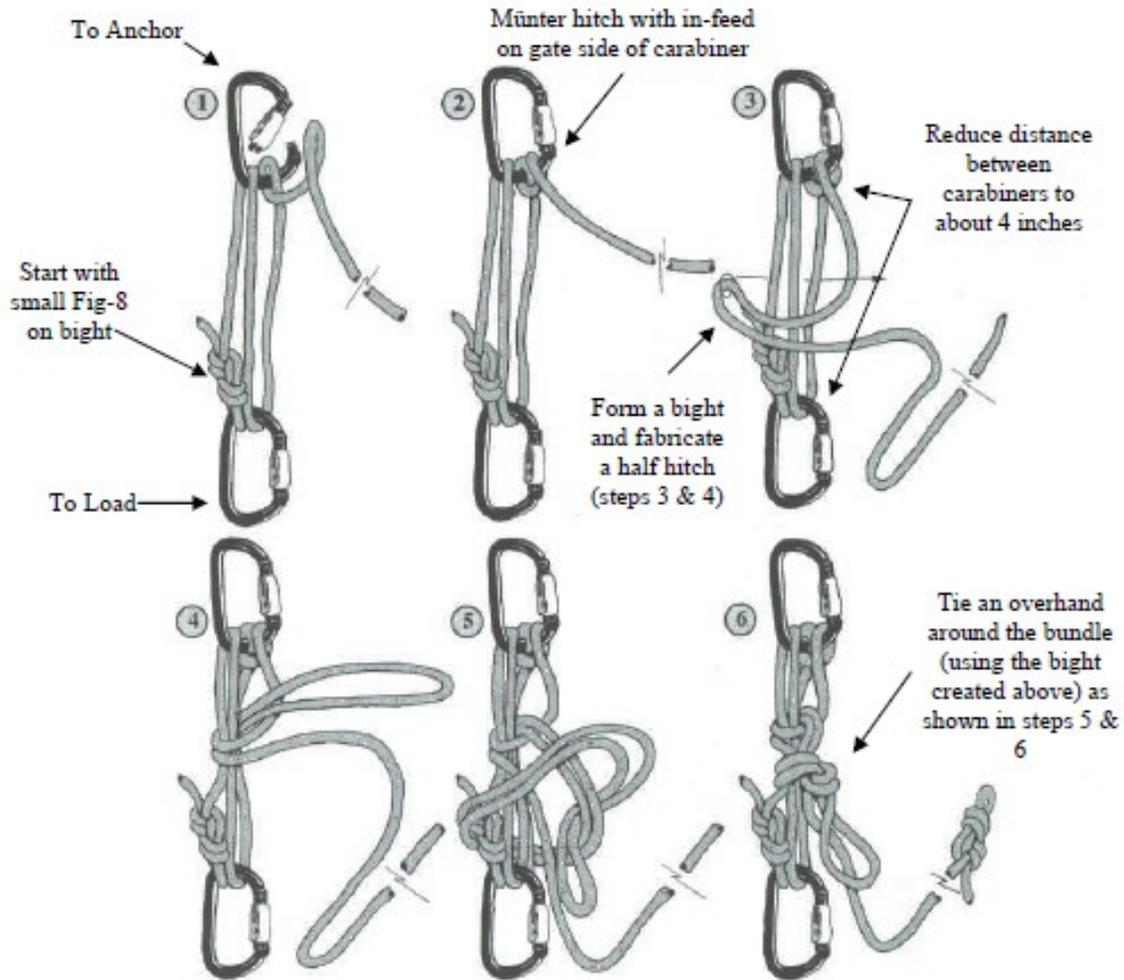
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WAYPOINTS

Things to remember along the way.

Radium Release Hitch



(National Cave Rescue Association/
Rick Lipke, Contera Technical Systems, Inc.)



Please cut out this training aid and tape it inside your helmet.



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Things got a little “wooly” at the 2011 Air Life Memorial on May 22.

Congratulations El Paso SAR!

Our neighbors to the south, El Paso County Search and Rescue, successfully passed their MRA team recertification in April. They passed four out of five disciplines with unanimous votes, which is a testament to their skill and commitment to the citizens of El Paso County, Colorado.

DCSAR team members participating included Scott Walker, evaluator and high angle “subject”; Jim Carpozi, evaluator and high angle scenario lead; and Eric Mott, observer.



All three members were glad to help out their peer teams in the Rocky Mountain Region of the Mountain Rescue Association, especially since they were able to dine at the “second best all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet” in Manitou Springs, Colorado two days in a row!

The photo above shows El Paso rescue members building a snow anchor above Hoosier Pass under the watchful eye of Jim Carpozi.



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Fatherly Advice, continued

Darrell Summers for representing DCSAR at the day "Honoring the Air Life crew that lost their lives on December 14th, 1997, and in celebration of Emergency Medical Services Professionals who make personal sacrifices every day."

We still have some upcoming events—Agilent Technologies Safety Fair, June 17th; Mountain Mettle equine endurance ride, June 18th; and the Highlands Ranch 4th of July parade. Thanks to everyone that is helping at these events. If you haven't volunteered to assist, it's not too late.

This edition's corporate slogan: Thank you for your support. I mean it.

There are some other events that team members are involved in outside of DCSAR. Paul Miller is entered in two back-to-back sprint triathlons in July and will be running in others this summer. Becky Mueller is planning on running in "Tri for the Cure." There is also talk about some team events, but no commitments have been made. There are several team members entered in the Tough Mudder at Beaver Creek on June 26th. I know this means these folks are staying in shape. How about the rest of us? Good luck everybody.

Remember, I am always trying to improve as the field director. Please come to me with any concerns, questions, or comments.

See `Ya!

—Scott



"Cash" Drop - April 2011



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710 Call Dispatch, continued

J. Hunter Holloway Award (the Colorado Search and Rescue Board's highest honor) in Colorado several years back for all of his hard work.

In 1998, when Sheriff Steve Zotos asked the local community to set up a new search and rescue team, Tim offered his support and immediately began to work on getting DCSAR into the MRA. He also insisted that DCSAR get called to missions in Eagle County from the onset.

Many young members cut their teeth on the Half Moon Pass trail in their early mission life. Some received stern guidance when that was necessary. It may not have been very funny at the time, but I still laugh with (and at) many of our members who had a discussion with Tim about mission fitness on that mountain. He would let you have an earful and then give you a big bear hug at the end of the mission.



Vail Mountain Rescue Group was our original sponsor, along with El Paso County Search and Rescue, when we applied for membership in the MRA. They continued to support us during our last re-accreditation effort.

Tim worked tirelessly to get aviation assets available throughout the state for search and rescue, and when the Colorado National Guard opened the High Altitude Training Center in Eagle, he was in high heaven. Sometimes, you would think it was *his* aviation assets.

As a leader in Mountain Rescue, Tim's goals were to secure adequate training for the troops. The State of Colorado and its SAR teams have Tim to thank for many of their accomplishments.

Finally, Tim was my friend and I am going to miss him. Goodbye, my friend.

—Bruce



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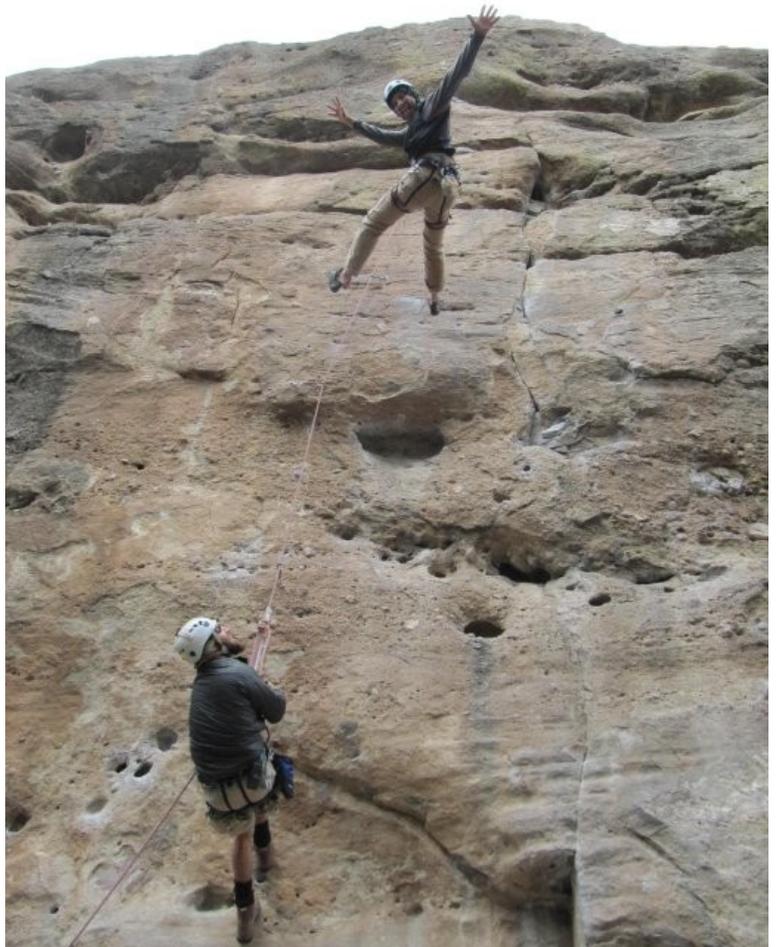
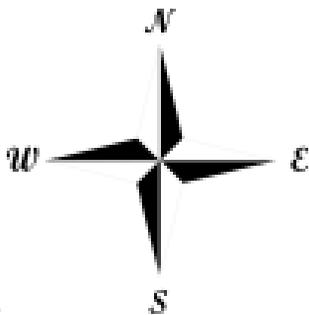
Undying Trust, continued...

Whether it be your teammates running the lowering system or your belayer on your project climb, when you look into their eyes before you go, you just know by the look. Trust. It's a connection "normal" people will never know.

So why rely on others, if there is such a potential price to pay? I remember something the late Dave Moore once told me: "When you are on a search and rescue team, you are a team. You can't do it alone. It is like climbing a mountain. You need to have someone on the other end of the rope." I will never forget that. May God rest his soul, and I look forward to talking with him again someday.

So the next time you are building an anchor, placing gear, running the brake tube, belaying your friend, or doing the many other life dependent actions we take, remember what rides on your trust in each other. Everything.

—Jesse Adamy



Trust Building Exercise



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Approximate Upcoming Training Schedule

Dates	Day	Location	Topic
May 27-30	Weekend	Rampart Range	Memorial Day Weekend
June 8	Wednesday	HRLETF	Helicopter operations in conjunction with SAR
June 11	Saturday	TBD	Search & extraction to a helicopter
June 22	Wednesday	HRLETF	Horses with SAR operations
June 26	Sunday	TBD	Search with mounted patrol
July 13	Wednesday	HRLETF	Encountering drugs / Hazmat during SAR operations
July 16	Saturday	TBD	Technical rescue scenario
July 27	Wednesday	HRLETF	Medical for the SAR professional
July 31	Sunday	TBD	SAR Challenge
August 10	Wednesday	HRLETF	ELTs: What are they and how do we find them?
August 13	Saturday	TBD	Tracking down an ELT
August 24	Wednesday	HRLETF	Use of a GPS in SAR applications
August 28	Sunday	TBD	Search: I know you're out there!
Sept 2-5	Weekend	Rampart Range	Labor Day Weekend
Sept 10	Saturday	HRLETF	Mandatory new member training
Sept 11	Sunday	Rampart Range	Mandatory new member training
Sept 14	Wednesday	HRLETF	Tracking: Which way did he go?
Sept 17	Saturday	TBD	Following subject in the field
Sept 28	Wednesday	HRLETF	Colorado Life Track
Oct 2	Sunday	TBD	Search with Colorado Life Track



March 13, 2011 - Annual gear sorting day, flea market, and bake sale



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If you can't find us on the Rampart Range, you can find us on Facebook instead.



About Us

DCSAR is an all-volunteer search and rescue team formed in September of 1998. The team's first mission, for two missing dirt bike riders on Rampart Range, was on February 10, 1999. The missing bikers were located cold, but alive, in near blizzard conditions by team members.

Since then, DCSAR has served Douglas County, Greater Denver, and Colorado with distinction, averaging over one-hundred missions per year. Our 40+ members volunteer over 10,000 man-hours each year in the service of our community.

Donations Welcome

DCSAR is dependent on grants and donations for much of its income. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation; all donations are tax-deductible as charitable contributions. ***DCSAR and the Douglas County Sheriff do not charge citizens for search and rescue services!***

DCSAR enhances our community by saving lives and promoting wilderness education and safety. You can be part of the team and help keep our mission alive. The contributions of you or your corporation will make a positive impact in Douglas County and surrounding areas.

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