

# 60TH ANNIVERSARY



2013

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## CCICC Our Mission:

The Colorado Chapter of the International Code Council is dedicated to the improvement of building safety, by promoting and improving the International Codes, educating the building industry, public, and our membership, and providing mutual aid to building professionals.

**I.C.C. is Dedicated to Building A Safer World.**

# THE YEAR OF WEED

This has been a year of highs and lows for any president, and Dan has handled these situations with great poise and ease.

What events of the year do you think you will remember the most? The give a days at Heritage House and Wilderness on Wheels are always two big ones for me, because I feel like I am right where I am supposed to be at that moment. It's so much fun to come together with others and use the time to help a great organization. I feel like that's where we really do the meaningful things that make a direct difference to people.

How do you think jurisdictions are dealing with the legalization of marijuana? This has been a struggle for many jurisdictions, probably because it mixes legal issues with building issues. Jurisdictions have been asking for training on the subject, and often have hoped it wouldn't be allowed in their jurisdiction so that they wouldn't have to deal with

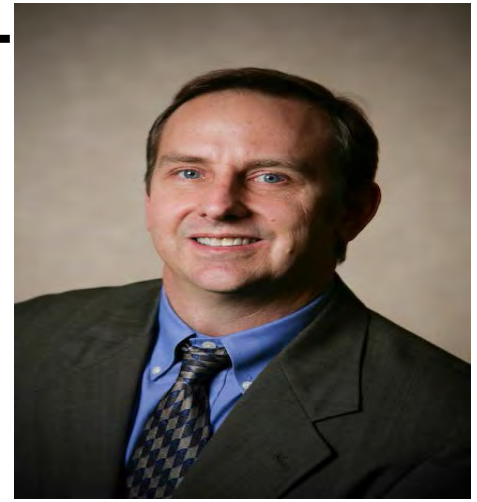


DAN WEED ~ PRESIDENT

it. But enough time has gone by that Building Officials are getting more used to it, and rightly concentrating on the actual code aspects and staying away from the legalities. It's really not much different than if someone were to grow tomatoes in their basement, the code still applies to fans, lamps, etc.

What are you going to miss the most when turning over the gavel?

It has been fun organizing the group to rally around a task, and to be directly involved with seeing the team come together. I will miss having the inside track, and seeing the tight group of people working so hard to accomplish good things. That camaraderie is hard to find, and a joy to be a part of. It makes life in the Chapter so rewarding!!



***What was it that got you started in building enforcement?***

At the time, I was looking for full time work with benefits. The Colorado economy was still weak and architectural design work was scarce. I remembered that one of my college professors had indicated that "building inspection" was an option suitable for college architectural grads like myself.

***What did you do prior to building enforcement?***

I was working part time for a tiny preservation architectural firm in Denver. We had limited work and I was barely able to clock more than 10 hours of billing per week. To make ends meet, I was making custom furniture and doing trim carpentry as I had done through college.

Prior to moving to Colorado from Los Angeles in 1988, I spent 8 years in the restaurant industry. I started working in the construction trades shortly after arriving in Colorado. That work formed the foundation of the regulatory work I have done subsequently.

***How long have you been a member of the Colorado Chapter?***

I joined the chapter in 1995. My first meeting was in Glenwood Springs. That was the first time I met a number of Chapter members that remain as respected colleagues and lifelong friends.

***What was it that got you involved in the Colorado Chapter?***

Tom Thompson. He stressed Chapter involvement as the best way to network and grow in the profession. I was working at the City of Broomfield as an unpaid intern. I did that to gain experience and get my foot in the building inspection "door". Tom first introduced me to the group at the Glenwood meeting, noting that I might be a viable candidate for a job if a position wasn't opened in Broomfield. Nobody offered me a job...but somehow I managed to work myself into a paid position at Broomfield.

***What types of changes in the chapter have occurred over your years of participation?***

We saw the creation of ICC and the conclusion of ICBO while expanding the Chapter's influence outside of the Western states. We successfully met challenges from competing codes, trades unions, and politicians. I attribute the latter to a stronger and more mature organization.

***What is your fondest memory from when you were chapter president?***

Clearly it was the ABM as it represented a celebratory conclusion to a lot of hard work performed over previous years. That work included the passage of HB1221, the state's residential accessibility statute CRS 9-5 that took four years to complete. It also marked my final month with the City of Broomfield and the start of a new position with Colorado Code Consulting.

***Who would you consider to be your mentor or the person who has taken you under their wing to guide you?***

Clearly Tom Thompson. He accepted my offer to intern with Broomfield and provided me with an informed background on the UBC that allowed me to quickly pass two certification exams. More importantly, he encouraged my professional development by having me attend chapter meetings, participate in code hearings and become a member of the ICBO Evaluation Services Committee. All of my eventual successes were built on the knowledge I derived from these associations.

***How would you describe the major differences between how building codes are enforced in the United States compared to Saudi Arabia?***

The biggest difference is infrastructure. Building codes are brand new in Saudi and expertise is extremely limited. Saudi Aramco, the kingdom's oil company and my employer, has the only organized codes and standards "enforcement" process. The Kingdom has a building code based on the 2003 IBC, but no formal overseeing process to date. We are working on developing that process from the ground up, starting with educational training.

***Is there a chapter of ICC in Saudi Arabia?***

We have recently received permission from our management to start the process of creating the first Saudi ICC chapter. After our first success this year with a Saudi national receiving his Building Inspector and Plans Examiner certificate, the benefits of being a chapter to support training and CEU issuance became very apparent. We will move ahead with the chapter's formation in the beginning of 2014.

***While in Saudi Arabia what do you miss the most about the chapter?***

Clearly I miss my long time friends in the profession and the support the chapter provides its members. Email and other long distance communication helps, but nothing can completely replace the face to face daily discourse.

# COLORADO CHAPTER RECOGNIZED BY ICC

The Colorado Chapter was recognized by ICC for our 60 years of existence. Dominic Sims from the ICC Board presented the Chapter with a beautiful plaque commemorating our years of services to our communities and a Colorado Chapter Banner.



The banner presented to the Colorado Chapter



Dan Weed accepting the plaque

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Quote from Tim Swanson  
Board member

## GIVE-A-DAY HERITAGE HOUSE

This year's Give-A-Day at Heritage House Dan Weed and Mike Jones were able to complete the electrical wiring to provide power to the out buildings located on the property. Shauna Mozingo was able to get the out buildings organized so that

new equipment would be able to be stored. Taylor, Shaunna's 7 year old granddaughter, chipped in and helped by sorting the nuts and screws. Heritage House is a non-profit organization that provides help in many forms to

troubled girls. It is one of the non-profit organizations that the Chapter supports. We hope to see you next year's Give-A-Day Heritage House. Just as it is at anyone's home there is always something that is need of repair or needs to be provided.



*"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning."*

*~ Albert Einstein*

## BENEFITS OF BEING A CHAPTER MEMBER

What are some of the benefits of being a Chapter member?

- Access to educational resources
- Opportunity to network
- Resources to discuss code related issues
- Support to deal with local and state legislation
- Support in local code adoptions
- Associate with building safety professionals
- Utilize the collective knowledge of the Chapter's long history
- Opportunity to guide the development of the codes



CHAPTER MEMBERS NETWORKING  
CHAPTER MEMBER TESTIFYING





## Colorado Chapter of ICC 2013

Quote from Steven Kanipe  
Past President



*“One must keep these priorities in order :  
Family first,  
Job second,  
and Chapter third.”*

*~Becky Baker*



**Jessie Sorensen –Permit Tech  
Town of Parker**

## Estes Park Floods

*The Colorado Chapter's Disaster Mitigation Committee was fortunate to have a Permit Technician, Jessie Sorensen, from the Town of Parker volunteer her services. This is the first time a Permit Technician was onsite at a disaster. Below is an account of her experiences in Estes Park.*

*Reaching Estes Park wasn't as much of a challenge as we thought; we had to take one of only two ways, both of which at the time were barricaded off to the public. Luckily I had the opportunity to travel with 2 gentlemen (Mark Gurule- Pueblo Regional Building Dept. and Jim Beaver- City of Lone Tree) who possess a certification thru the Safety Assessment Program from the State of California Governor's office of Emergency Services, and we were allowed in the barricades by the National Guard. Upon entering the disaster zone still miles outside of Estes Park the damage was clear the roadways were washed out, broken washed away trees created damns and mud slides that could be seen miles away. After 3.5 hours in the car with these 2 (they are ridiculous) I knew I was in for an educational and entertaining experience.*

*.....Continue reading Jessie's experiences on page 5*

## COLORADO HIT BY MASSIVE FLOODING

The Chapter's Disaster Mitigation Committee was put to the test with the floods that devastated so many areas of Colorado, and they passed with flying colors. The Disaster Mitigation team was able to organize the many Chapter volunteers and reach these devastated areas before FEMA arrived.

The Colorado Chapter's readiness and organization was spoken in high regards at the ABM in Atlantic City, New Jersey by many federal organization and colleges. The Chapter appreciates those who donated their services to help the



The river re-routed itself to run under this home.

communities that were touched by this natural disaster. We thank those who volunteered their time, those who stayed behind at their local jurisdictions to take on the extra workload. To the significant others who took

care of the home front, and comforting the volunteers while they decompressed from what had been witnessed.

.....Jessie's experiences with the Estes Park floods continued from page 4

When we arrived in Estes the main streets were lined with silt, trash and sand bags were placed in front of most business doors. Our greeting at the Estes Park Building Department was nothing short of amazing. They welcomed, briefed and accommodated us with everything we needed. Since we arrived late in the afternoon and there was only a few working hours left I was allowed to accompany Mark and Jim on their first inspection journey. The Town provided us with maps, cameras, ID badges, binoculars, posting tags and hardware. They were well organized and knew which teams have been sent out and the locations they were covering. Mr. Will Birchfield made it clear of his plan and kept us well informed on any new information he received. Our first assignment was to travel up one of the drainage plains and assess any damage to buildings/communities, and roadways etc. and tag them if needed. I must say I am thankful for technology these days as it pertains to Google maps on mobile phones because map reading abilities seem to have been forgotten. Apparently stopping the car to read a map on the hood is far more effective than reading the same map from inside the car. I was definitely impressed with the teamwork it took to make sure we didn't get lost, and when we did get lost (it was bound to happen and according to our navigator, it had to have been the maps fault) the patience to find our way was comical. Luckily there was not a whole lot of damage where we were. Residents were pretty welcoming and helpful when we had questions. There was a few who demanded identification and took notes on the vehicle we were in and the plate numbers (they did end up calling the Building Department to make sure we were who we said we were). At first we were just hearing of small mudslides, flooding basements and garages nothing major structurally. As we dropped back into town we began seeing more damage to the areas that were within closer proximity of the rivers and the properties that sat near the bottom of the mountain.

The next two days I spent in the Building Department office with various tasks.

- Clearing the voicemails and tracking all messages (200+ a day)
- Classifying the importance of each message, returning messages and delegating accordingly.
- Creating an inspection tracking sheet so the inspector knew where he had been and where he needed to go in order to get businesses to re-open as quickly as possible.
- Helped create file folders and a filing system to keep track of all inspection forms brought in from the teams in the field.
- Data entry of all inspection results

Every morning the teams would gather for a quick briefing of the previous day's events and would enjoy a wonderful homemade treat from Karen one of their incredible staff members. There were two others in the office with me most of the time Shellie and Will who had the patience to train me and answer any questions I had. Every afternoon the teams would come back in with the maps of the areas they covered and their forms if they tagged anything. It was all data entry after that. The most important task I believe was tracking all the actions, making sure all ground was covered and keeping the public as informed as possible. The hardest question I heard was "What is the Town going to do to save my house." I'm pretty sure I knew the answer but wording it was difficult. One evening after the teams came back in Mark and Jim were able to take me down to the area they covered that day (completely barricaded off) and show me some of the devastation. The river had completely changed its course and taken everything in its way with it.

Over all my experience was nothing short of INCREDIBLE and extremely educational. I am grateful to have had this opportunity and wish I could have stayed and helped longer. It was a pleasure to work with Chapter members across the state and hearing stories was inspirational and I enjoyed many laughs with them (a special thank you to Mark and Jim for their patience and their willingness to teach me). They were efficient, friendly, and willing to answer any questions that arose from residents, business owners, or myself. The residents were calm and grateful and even during their frazzled moments I think they found comfort in just being able to vent. The Estes Park staff was organized, accommodating, and incredibly calm for such a chaotic situation. There is no doubt in my mind with their devoted community and hard working Town employees Estes Park will be rebuilt in a timely manner and will thrive stronger than ever.

# FLOOD PICTURES



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# WILDERNESS ON WHEELS



"Don't I look the Part?" ~Matt Archer



"Things look great from up here!"  
~Dan Weed and Jim Thelan

On two Saturdays volunteers from around the state came together to build a garage for one of the organizations that the Chapter supports, WOW. Wilderness on Wheels is a charity that provides camping experiences for those who require ac-



Colorado Chapter volunteers erecting a wall

cessibility due to a handicap. The charity was in need of a way for housing their vehicles and

equipment that is used to maintain the campsite. Barbara, who she herself uses a wheelchair, was so grateful for the Chapter donating their time, equipment, and supplies to build the garage that she baked several batches of cookies throughout the day for the volunteers.



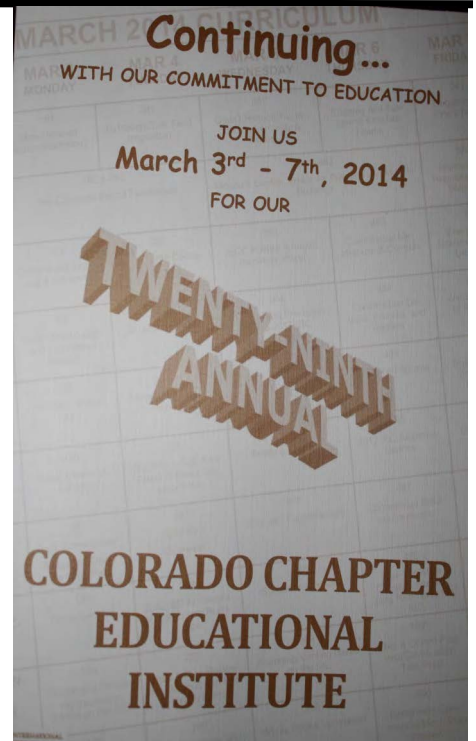
## Known Volunteers:

Tommy Thompson, Dan Nichols, Gerry George, Dan Weed, Scott Greer, Gil Rossmiller, Jim Thelan, Jim Beaver, Stephen Kanipe, Mike Gautier, Dave Horras, Jim Gery, Matt Archer, Kirk Nagle, Doug Jones, Steven Valenti, Jim Willamette, Marshall Hall, Hope Medina, Randy Pabst



## Colorado Chapter Educational Institute

Come join us for our 29th annual Colorado Chapter Educational Institute March 3rd through the 7th at the Marriott located in the Denver Tech Center. Once again 65 full-day classes in 13 different course paths, with the “best of the best” instructors from all over the United States. Class offerings include a number of new classes, as well as many revised and improved versions of our most popular offerings, all based on the 2012 editions of the International Codes and the 2014 National Electrical Code. Brochures and online registration is available on the Colorado Chapter’s website at [www.coloradochaptericc.org](http://www.coloradochaptericc.org)



## Colorado Chapter of ICC 2013



## CHAPTER HISTORY

### EDUCATION INSTITUTE/FRAMED DOOR DISPLAY

Have you ever wondered why the Chapter displayed these framed pictures of doors at the Education Institute? The Education Institute is the brain child of Chapter members Greg Keith, Dave Nickel, Pete Tyre, and Gerry George which was based on a failed Southern Chapter’s idea. The concept was to offer multifaceted education for multiple days, and the Chapter was able to successfully provide this. There was at one point where the ICBO had



wanted to take the Education Institute over, but the Colorado Chapter refused to allow this to happen. Nevada’s

Educode was the first Chapter to base their Education Institute after Colorado’s concept, but many others have followed since. The first Education Institute used the slogan of “The Door To Education In Colorado Is Finally Open” The first brochure displayed a hand drawn door on the front. For the following year the Chapter found the multiple door graphic and used it for it’s brochures. The framed pictures are displayed to pay homage to our successful past.

# **Colorado Chapter of ICC 2013 Elected Board**



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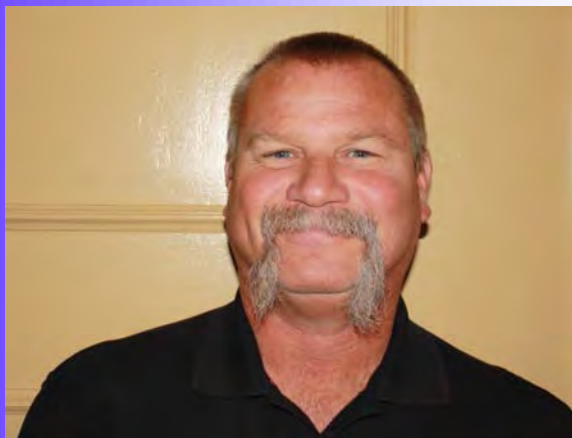
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