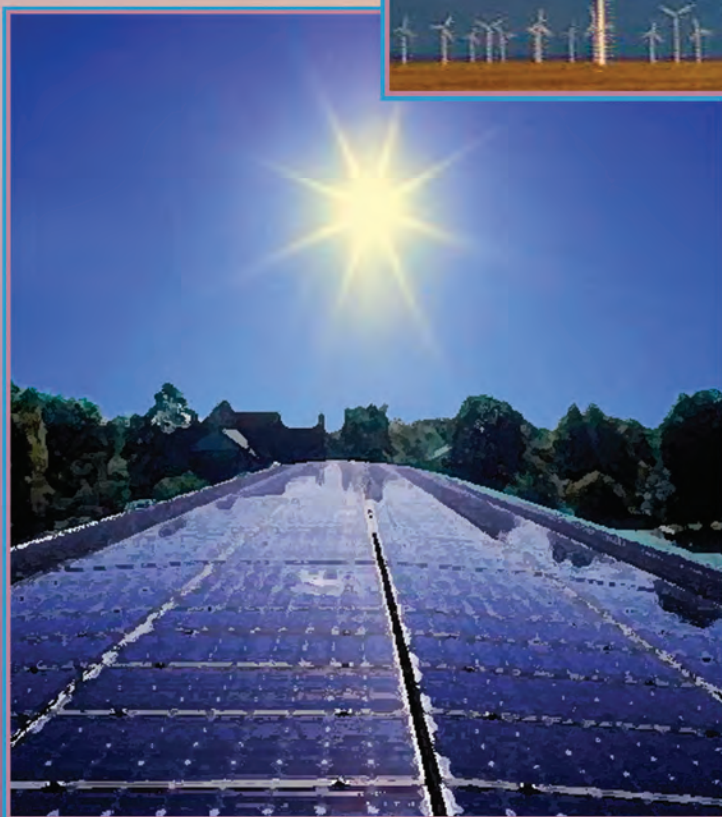




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Message from the President

Energy isn't a topic that engenders particularly strong emotions among the general population – until we experience a dramatic event like Three Mile Island, a widespread power outage or skyrocketing gas prices. But our energy choices *are* interwoven with virtually every aspect of our lives. We are in the time of a major transition in how we choose to produce and use energy; the consequences are global and will profoundly affect generations to come in ways we can only imagine. It is both exciting and daunting to know that we are at the leading edge of this transition, positioned to choose a sustainable path, making the benefits of renewable energy available to all.



Grand visions don't happen without local action. The Colorado Renewable Energy Society (CRES) is a vehicle for local action, providing forums for discussion, technical resources for Colorado citizens and businesses and a membership network that encourages all to interact – from the layperson to the research scientist. Through public meetings, CRES and its regional chapters provide monthly opportunities for learning about the issues and technologies that are the building blocks for Colorado's New Energy Economy. We draw on Colorado's unique access to the best minds in renewable energy to share their latest technologies and experiences.

Our state experienced significant growth in renewable energy use in 2008, even as the economy entered a recession and gas prices doubled. As we move forward, we must continue to educate the public and government organizations, so that each year brings steady growth in installed renewable energy capacity, more green jobs, reduced energy costs and less reliance on fossil fuels.

My year as 2008 President has been personally gratifying, as CRES continues to grow in both membership and sophistication. Our annual events – CREC 2008, Tour of Solar and Green-Built Homes and the Annual Meeting – were all highly successful in increasing public awareness of our mission, while we showcase the homes and businesses which already enjoy the benefits of renewable energy and energy efficiency. We now provide live webcasts of our monthly meetings. The CRES website has improved in its timeliness and content, with a major update in the works. Our Policy Committee has greatly enhanced our ability to promote legislation of interest to CRES members.

Virtually everything that we do as an organization depends on the energy, commitment and tireless work from our members and sponsors, volunteers and paid staff. Our scope and outreach will be enhanced by expanding our use of technology and staff to guide and coordinate CRES's pool of dedicated volunteers. Contributions of time and dollars from CRES Members are helping to accelerate our transition to a New Energy Economy.

Jeff Scott
2008 CRES President

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Our Mission

The Colorado Renewable Energy Society increases awareness of the economic and environmental benefits of renewable energy and energy efficiency, and serves as a leading resource in providing renewable energy information to the people of Colorado.

To achieve this goal, CRES supports policies to supply 20% of Colorado's energy needs by 2015, 50% by 2030, and 100% by 2050.

With strong support from Governor Bill Ritter's administration and the Colorado Governor's Energy Office, CRES members are in a uniquely favorable position to promote the renewable energy and efficiency strategies we have long supported.

Education of consumers, industry and government officials is a primary role of CRES. Our membership represents a wealth of knowledge, including pioneers in the highly technical realm of research and development, and the businesses and skilled craftspeople "on the ground" who put renewable energy technology to work in individual homes and commercial buildings. CRES education events throughout the year provide an essential link from research to practical application.

The screenshot shows the Colorado Renewable Energy Society website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About CRES', 'Chapters', 'Energy Vision', 'Take Action!', 'Events', and 'Tech'. Below this, a sidebar lists various energy topics: 'Energy Efficiency', 'Green Buildings', 'Biomass', 'Geothermal', 'Hydropower', 'Solar Energy', 'Wind Energy', and 'Hydrogen'. The main content area is titled 'SOLAR TECHNOLOGIES' and includes sub-sections for 'Passive Solar Heating and Lighting | Photovoltaics | Solar Thermal'. A link for 'More information on solar technology' is provided. Below this, there is a section for 'Passive Solar Heating and Lighting' with a brief introductory paragraph.

The screenshot is a report titled 'Colorado Biomass Power Resources'. It states that the report was prepared for the Chairman of the Colorado State Senate Majority Ad Hoc Energy Task Force and approved by the CRES Board of Directors on October 25, 2001. The report highlights that recent studies indicate Colorado has a fair biomass resource potential, with an estimated 5.2 billion kWh of electricity potential.

The screenshot shows a media editorial titled 'Wind: It's Win-Win' from the Denver Post, dated Friday, February 07, 2003. The editorial discusses the benefits of wind energy, particularly in the context of a drought, noting that even a breeze of 7 mph can generate electricity. The text is partially cut off at the bottom.

Background

CRES is the Colorado chapter of the American Solar Energy Society (ASES), our parent group. Chartered in 1996, CRES is one of ASES's most active state chapters and has consistently enjoyed one of the highest per-capita membership levels of any chapter.

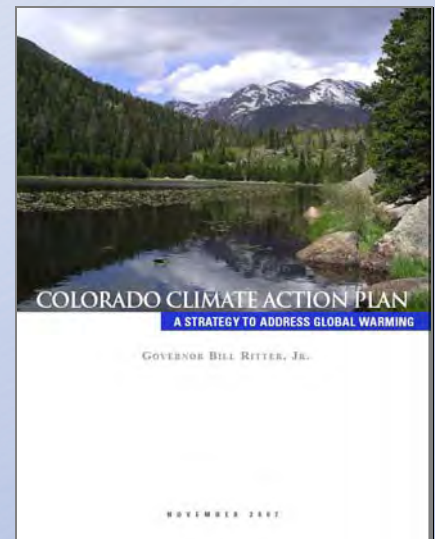
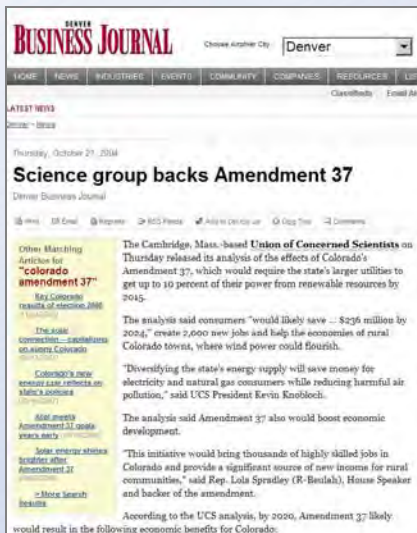
In the late 1990s and early 2000s, our modest non-profit grew steadily, and in recent years has benefited greatly from the November 2004 passage of Amendment 37, Colorado's Renewable Energy Standard law, which CRES heavily encouraged.

The victory of Amendment 37 – America's first ever direct statewide vote on renewable energy – attracted national and international attention. As a result, CRES's credibility (and that of related organizations) was greatly enhanced in the media, business, and public forums.

In 2006 – our ten year anniversary – CRES built on that progress as the local hosts of the ASES National Solar Conference in Denver. The best-attended ASES conference in recent years, its success is likely to generate support for a repeat performance for the Denver Venue.

In 2007 and 2008, CRES continued to shine as an agent for change with the support of an aggressive state initiative, newly-elected Governor Bill Ritter's New Energy Economy.

CRES has evolved into a powerful public and legislative resource. Throughout our history, our success is the result of dedication and hard work from scores of volunteers. Our current challenge is to expand our outreach to attract a new generation of members; we must instill in them a sense of urgency that we make lead the transition to renewable energy use.





Regional Group Activity

Two regional groups support CRES's mission across the state of Colorado.

- ✦ The Northern Colorado Renewable Energy Society (NCRES), based in Ft. Collins, was established in 2002. NCRES was the host group for CREC 2005 and holds regular meetings in Ft. Collins.
- ✦ The Southeast Colorado Renewable Energy Society (SECRES) has taken the role of lead organizer for the Colorado Renewable Energy Conference 2008 in Pueblo.

Growth and Progress

CRES's Membership Committee develops and implements strategies which focus on retaining our members and growing our membership.

Catalyzed by CRES's continuing efforts to increase public awareness of alternative energy's advantages, and stimulated by solar rebate and incentive programs and public support for utilization of wind energy, Colorado is now experiencing an explosion in renewable energy use. Besides specific projects CRES recognizes with the *Renewable Energy in Buildings Awards* (see [details](#) later in this report), 2008 saw many new facilities – large and small – constructed which feature renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainable development features.

A few highlights include:

- As America's largest producer of wind energy, Xcel Energy had almost 3000 MW of wind-powered electricity capacity by the end of 2008, including 1060 MW based in Colorado.
- In March, Danish wind energy manufacturer Vestas opened a major production facility in Windsor with 200 workers, expecting to produce 6-ton blades for 600 turbines per year.
- In October, Larimer County approved regulations facilitating Colorado State University's planned Green Power Project, to feature 25 wind turbines producing up to 200 MW.
- Xcel's Solar[®]Rewards program continued to increase – at an expanding rate – its installed capacity of grid-tied photovoltaic systems, with an average system size of 4.5 kW. Completed installations for 2008 included 1385 small systems, 11 medium-sized systems and 17 large-scale projects. The program purchased a total of over 11,000 MWh of solar-powered electricity in 2008, and paid out more than \$33 million in Solar Rewards rebates and renewable energy credits (RECs).

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Public Policy Developments

CRES coordinates with Environment Colorado in supporting state and local legislative initiatives promoting sustainable energy. This working relationship strengthened in 2008 as two Environment Colorado employees joined the CRES Policy committee as observer members.

In 2008, CRES and the renewable energy industry experienced a surge of State legislation, including:

- ✦ HB1160, which requires municipally-owned utilities and cooperative electric associations to provide net metering for its customers, as was already offered to XCEL energy customers.
- ✦ HB 1164, which encourages the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to fully consider new solar technologies during evaluation of new power generation construction projects.
- ✦ HB 1270, which extends existing prohibitions on covenants which could have limited solar energy devices - so that they also cannot prohibit a wide range of other energy efficiency measures.
- ✦ HB 1368, which directs counties to exclude renewable energy systems from property taxes.
- ✦ SB 117, which caps the building permit fees for solar systems statewide, to \$500 or the actual costs of issuing permits.

This is just a partial list, but indicates the aggressive stance that Governor Ritter has taken to propel Colorado into the future with a responsible energy strategy.

To proactively serve that strategy, in 2008 the CRES Policy Committee forged relationships with Environment Colorado, the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, and the Energy Efficiency Business Coalition to jointly promote policies we agree on; its representatives (Barbara Farhar and Tom Konrad) also provided testimony to the legislature and the PUC. As the result of these efforts, CRES entered 2008 on the list of groups politicians ask for advice in crafting policy, and CRES had a seat at the table when the environmental groups got together to craft their legislative agenda for 2009.

Speakers' Bureau

To better communicate with Coloradans about the benefits of renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainable energy issues, CRES has created a Speakers' Bureau. A list of subject matter experts with specific interest and knowledge in these areas, who are available to speak at public forums, is available from CRES.

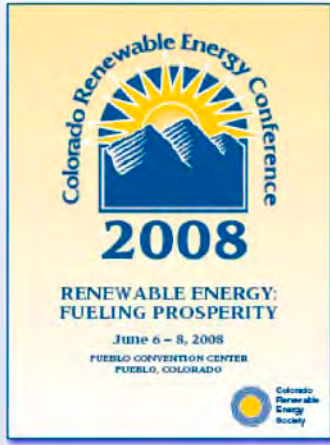
Our Committees

Our growth and success stems from a synergistic mix of continual hard work by our executive staff, visionary leadership from our directors and contributions from energetic individual and committee members. CRES committees meet regularly to plan and implement key projects in fulfillment of our goals; these committees include:

- Colorado Renewable Energy Conference (CREC) Committee
- Tour of Solar Homes (TSH) Committee
- Finance Committee
- Membership Committee
- Outreach Committee
- Policy Committee

Our Signature Events

Colorado Renewable Energy Conference (CREC)



CREC 2008 was held June 6th - 8th at the Pueblo Convention Center. 203 people attended the conference, with another 79 participating in the workshops, making it one of our largest and most successful Conferences ever. Thanks to the CREC Committee for all their hard work!

The Keynote Presentation was made by Congressman Mark Udall.

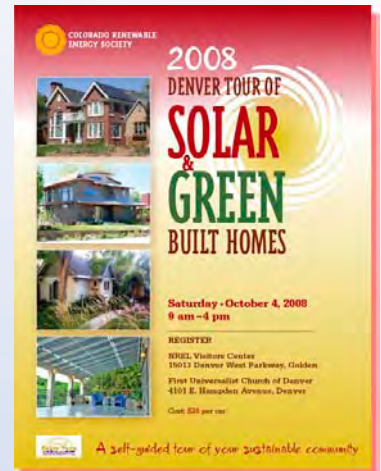
Major Sponsors included Acquila, KOA Radio, NREL, and XCEL Energy (Platinum level); Bella Energy, the Boulder Green Building Guild, CSU Pueblo, the GEO, SolSource, and Namaste Solar Electric (Gold Level); Aspen Solar, EMC Engineers, the Smart Energy Living Alliance and Starfire Energy (Silver level). Dozens of other contributors and sponsors helped to make the event a resounding success.

Tour of Solar & Green Built Homes

The 2008 Solar Home Tours were held October 6th. Part of the American Solar Energy Society's National Tour of Solar Homes, the Denver tour showcased 11 residences in Golden and Denver. These buildings featured photovoltaics, solar thermal, passive solar and numerous other renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

Self-guided tours allowed participants to view these facilities at their leisure with an informative color brochure. A bus tour (professionally guided by CRES President Jeff Scott) was well attended, with a special visit to the solar-powered Carriage House at the Governor's Mansion.

Over 380 people participated, many with families along – our most successful tour ever. Registration fees brought in \$5190, and sponsorships produced another \$7150. Thanks to the Solar Home Tour Committee for all their hard work!



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Communicating with Our Members

The CRES website continued to evolve and become more informative in 2008. Current activities and events can be found more easily, and outdated information has been purged. CRES is committed to updating the website on an ongoing basis, recognizing the growing importance of an online presence.

CRES News, edited by Paul Notari, is a monthly newsletter mailed to our 750 members.

The e-mailed CRES Clips reaches more than 3000 people subscribed to our listserve. CRES thanks Ferdinand Schmid and his employer, Architectural Energy Corporation in Boulder, for their ongoing work in hosting and administering the listserve computers.

As evidenced by our increasing membership and the growing turnout at events, each of these tools has proven effective in reaching our members and the public at large.

Publicity and Media Exposure

Record high oil prices, a Presidential election campaign and ever-increasing concerns about global warming helped keep renewable energy at center stage throughout 2008. Taking numerous cues from Colorado's "New Energy Economy," President-Elect Barack Obama made the transition to greater use of energy efficiency & renewable energy a key component of his campaign.

Although naysayers still abound, by 2008 the majority of earth's scientists and a growing number of ordinary people had come to acknowledge the realities of climate change and peak oil, making the transition to renewable energy use imperative and CRES's activities ever more relevant.



Phil von Hake, CRES Communications Director, has promoted our monthly meetings since 2002 (helping to increase typical meeting attendance from a few dozen to several hundred), and is our point of contact for the media. CRES media opportunities have grown with time, in large part because of the tireless work from Phil and the CRES Outreach Committee.

Before 2008, CRES had to regularly encourage local media to publicize our activities and follow our progress. In 2008, Phil observed a marked increase in media interest in *our* educational events, policy positions and organizational expertise; *the media was now – on occasion – making inquiries of us*. This heightened interest came from print, TV and Radio and online news sources alike.

Sierra Dall, CRES member and President of Challenge International, provided **webcast capability** for all of our monthly meetings in 2008. This allowed CRES to reach out to people interested in attending our meetings, but who could not physically attend or who chose to save energy and lower their carbon footprint.

On average, 30-50 people each month attended our meetings via the webcasts, and were able to interact during question/answer sessions. Webcast attendees spanned the state from Colorado Springs, Pueblo, the mountain areas, the Western Slope, and across metro Denver. These webcasts are archived, and now provide a capability for the public to re-live and re-learn from our expert presenters, by download from the CRES website.

Craig Elliot, a SECRES board member and meteorologist for NBC affiliate KOAA-TV, helped promote our 2008 Annual Conference in Pueblo by securing TV ad time at half price, reaching the Colorado Springs and Pueblo markets.

The CRES Exhibit booth traveled extensively and gained public exposure to CRES in several prominent places in 2008, including:

- At several Earth Day events from mid March through May.
- At the Green Frontier fest, held August 24th in conjunction with the 2008 Democratic National Convention.
- At the Western Slope Environmental Resource Council's (WSERC) Alternative Energy Expo in Delta October 17th -18th.

CRES provided VIP invitational previews of our 2008 Solar Home Tour. From that exposure, seven candidates for State Legislature and Congress became CRES members.

Awards

The Larson-Notari Award is named in honor of Dr. Ronal Larson and Paul Notari, two of the most active founding fathers of CRES, and is considered each year by the CRES Awards Committee. The primary requirement is that the winner has made a significant contribution either to CRES or to the fields of renewable energy, energy efficiency, or sustainable buildings. The winner must be a Colorado resident but need not be a CRES member.

For 2008, the Larson-Notari Award was awarded to Colorado Governor Bill Ritter.

From his first month in office, Governor Ritter created a flurry of new laws & policies in support of his campaign promise to usher in a "New Energy Economy" for Colorado:

- Doubling the Renewable Energy Standards set by Amendment 37,
- Mapping the energy resources available throughout Colorado,
- Greatly expanding the Governor's Energy Office,
- Taking bold steps to address Climate Change, *and much more.*

Bill Ritter truly walks the talk when it comes to making Colorado a world leader in renewable energy development and utilization.

CRES salutes Bill Ritter for his foresight and action on the New Energy Economy, and looks forward to working with him and his staff over the rest of his term as Colorado's Governor!



The Colorado Renewable Energy and Sustainable Design in Buildings Awards recognize building owners, builders and construction companies for innovative use of renewable energy in buildings. For 2008, CRES recognized four outstanding building projects:

NREL's Science and Technology Facility in Golden was completed in 2006, and is recognized for passive solar features, 100% daylighting in the first floor office areas, whole-building energy efficiency strategies, and having earned an LEED™ Platinum Green Building Rating.

Winner: Institutional Buildings Category



Participants in this award are:

- **US Department of Energy** (lab owner)
- **MA Mortenson** (construction)
- **SmithGroup** (architects, laboratory planning, mechanical/electrical/plumbing)
- **Paul Koehler Leffler** (structural engineers)
- **Martin and Martin** (structural engineers)
- **Jordy Carter** (casework, laboratory fixtures, laboratory furniture)
- **Expert Flooring**
- **NuAire Inc., Clean Air Products** and **Kewaunee Scientific Corp.** (fume hoods)

Awards (continued)

Sunaglow in Louisville is recognized for use of photovoltaic roof tiles, a thermal envelope, solar thermal heat and hot water, grey water recycling and use of recycled building materials; all in a low-maintenance rebuilt home which blends in with the aesthetic integrity of the surrounding neighborhood.

Participants in this award are:

- Werner Duecker, Chamberlin Architects, PC (architect)
- Dave Kreutzman, Next Generation Energy (builder)

Winner: General Residential Category



Maple Leaf Orthopedics in Pueblo was completed in 2007. It features a 30.6 kW PV system dramatically visible on a contrasting light green roof to proudly emphasize the use of this technology, geothermal heating and cooling, and advanced air quality systems. It is the first ever LEED™ Platinum Green Building Rating in southern Colorado.

Winner: Commercial Buildings Category



Participants in this award are:

- Dr. Kenneth Danylchuk (owner)
- Sustainable Building Concepts (LEED Consultants)
- HGF Architects, Pueblo (architects)
- TL Printz Constructors (construction)
- Peter D'Antonio, PCD Engineering (commissioning agent)

Las Manos B&B in Buena Vista is recognized for extremely low energy use and minimal environmental impact, with virtually all building materials harvested from the property. Hidden PV and wind-powered systems serve all electric needs, passive features are used throughout, and the strawbale and adobe structure is naturally ventilated and provides extensive daylighting. The resulting home provides guests privacy in a chemical and allergen free natural environment.

Participants in this award are:

- Colleen Finley and William McQueen (owners)
- Pamm McFadden (architect)

Winner: Off-Grid Residential Category



2008 Event Highlights

Our signature events – the Annual Meeting and Party, our Colorado Renewable Energy Conference (CREC), the autumn Tour of Solar Homes (TSH) and regular monthly meetings again put CRES in front of the public. You can view the recorded webcast of most of these events through the CRES Event Archives at www.cres-energy.org/events/archives/2008.

January

Monthly Meeting, January 24th

"The Governor's Energy Office and Colorado's New Energy Economy"

Tom Plant, the Director of the Governor's Energy Office (GEO), led a discussion of the GEO's plans for 2008 and beyond. Tom has a diverse background in issues of interest to CRES members, with eight years in the Colorado General assembly, Executive Director at Boulder's Center for ReSource Conservation and work in the Climate Change Department for the Union of Concerned Scientists. He was the sponsor of the Colorado Renewable Energy Act, the basis for Amendment 37.



February

Annual Meeting and Party, February 23rd

This year's Annual Meeting was held at Cableland, the official residence of the Mayor of Denver. The party, one of the premier networking events of the Colorado renewable energy industry, raised a total of \$10,148 (including the Silent Auction).

PUC Chairman Ron Binz was the keynote speaker.

We gratefully acknowledge our sponsors for this event: Bella Energy, Hackstaff Gessler LLC, Anheuser Busch, Deep Rock Water, 5280 Magazine, and Noodles & Company.

March

Monthly Meeting, March 20th

"Faith-Based Perspectives on the Earth, Environment, Global Warming, and a Sustainable Future"

Reverent Peter Sawtell (founder and Executive Director of Eco-Justice Ministries), Jim Walters (Pastor of Bear Valley Church), Dr. Daniel Ziskin (founder, Jews of the Earth, and a former NCAR research scientist), and Ibrahim Kazerooni (Imam at Ahl-Al-Beit, and a popular columnist and lecturer); held a panel discussion on how different faiths view the current state of our planet and what they are doing about it.



2008 Event Highlights, *continued*

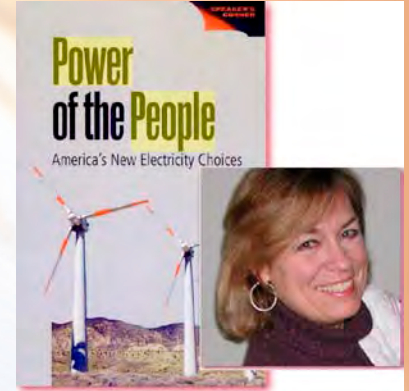
April

Monthly Meeting, April 24th

"Power of the People: America's New Electricity Choices"

Long-time CRES member Carol Tombari presented an in-depth look at her new book, exploring the clean, green 21st-century technologies available, how and why we should adopt them in our national power grid; then led a group discussion.

A founder of the National Association of State Energy Officials, Carol directed Texas's energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, served on the US DOE's Energy Advisory Board, was an advisor to two Federal Secretaries of Energy, and now works on economic development programs at NREL.



May

Monthly Meeting, May 22nd

"Colorado's Leadership in a 21st-Century Energy Economy"

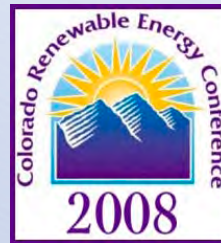
Michael Bowman led a discussion of our goals, challenges, and how Colorado is poised to be at the forefront of this transition.

Mr. Bowman serves on the National Steering Committee for the 25x'25 Alliance, whose goal is for America to get 25 percent of its energy from renewable sources by the year 2025. Co-chair of Governor Bill Ritter's transition team for energy policy, Michael has been active in many policy committees fostering renewable energy growth in Colorado and around the world.

June

Colorado Renewable Energy Conference (CREC 2008), June 8th - 10th

This year's main conference was held at the Pueblo Convention Center. [Details](#) of CREC 2008 can be found earlier in this report.



July

Monthly Meeting, July 24th

"Choosing Renewable Energy Investments"

Tom Konrad presented a lecture on how savvy investors can best take advantage of the growth in alternative energy companies.

Former CRES President and Treasurer, Dr. Konrad now chairs our Policy Committee. A nationally recognized expert on alternative energy investments, he writes regular columns on green investing for AltEnergyStocks.com and Smart Energy Living magazine.

2008 Event Highlights, *continued*

August

Monthly Meeting, August 21st

"The Road from Fossil Fuels to a Sustainable Energy Economy: The Strategy in Iceland as a Model"

Chuck Kezar presented a lecture on breakthrough technologies in magma chemistry (geothermal energy) being used in Iceland, which produce both hydrogen and useable steam, suggesting ways we can employ these technologies in our country.

Professor Kezar is the author of Magma-Power.com. He teaches at Lyndon State College in Vermont, and spent several years each working for the DOE and with the US House Energy Subcommittee.



September

Monthly Meeting, September 25th

"The Current State of Solar Energy in Colorado: Our Bright Future"

CRES President Jeff Scott presented a comprehensive discussion of the opportunities now available for Colorado home and small business owners to integrate solar and wind power systems. The presentation included available technologies, policies, costs and incentives, building requirements and anticipated trends.

Jeff is the founder of SolSource, a turnkey design and installation company providing a wide range of solar and alternative energy systems, design consultations and energy assessments.

October

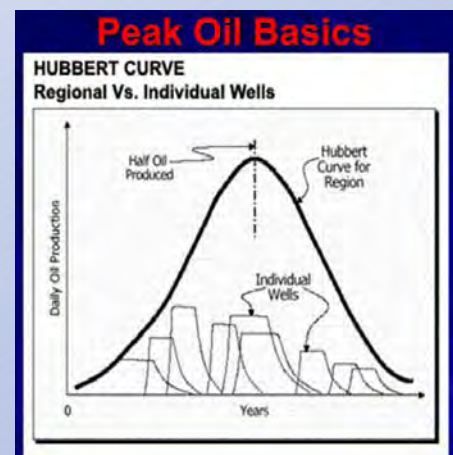
Monthly Meeting, October 23rd

"Peak Oil: Genuine Problem or Just Another Liberal Scare"

A panel of experts presented compelling evidence to support the assertion that our planet is approaching 'Hubbert's Peak', the point where annual world oil production has peaked and must now inevitably decrease, as it is a function of dwindling remaining petroleum reserves.

This theory was first proposed by Shell petroleum geologist M. King Hubbert in 1969, who predicted the peak in US oil production and forecast a similar peak for world oil production. The concept of peak oil continues to be controversial, denied by those who wish to believe an oil-based economy infinitely sustainable.

The presenters included Steve Andrews and Morey Wolfson (Board members of the Association for the Study of Peak Oil-USA), John Langhus (oil industry lawyer and law professor at DU), and Richard Nehring (developer of the "Significant Oil and Gas Fields of the US Database").



2008 Event Highlights, *continued*



October (*continued*)

Tour of Solar and Green Built Homes, October 4th

CRES's annual signature event – in its thirteenth year – featured 11 homes and drew 380 participants.

Several other communities throughout Colorado and nationwide participated in this event, part of the ASES National Solar Tour.

[Details](#) of the 2008 Denver tour can be found earlier in this report.

November

Monthly Meeting, November 20th

"Deep Time Climate Change and Its Relevance to Our Understanding of Global Warming"

Ian Miller, the Curator of Paleontology at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, presented a view of climate change over the last 100 million years. He used lessons from Earth's history to frame our current climate change experience in a more understandable context, explaining the implications of rapid change.

Dr. Miller's research focuses on how fossil plants can reveal how paleoclimate changes over geologic time scales.



CRES Personnel

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2008 Financial Report

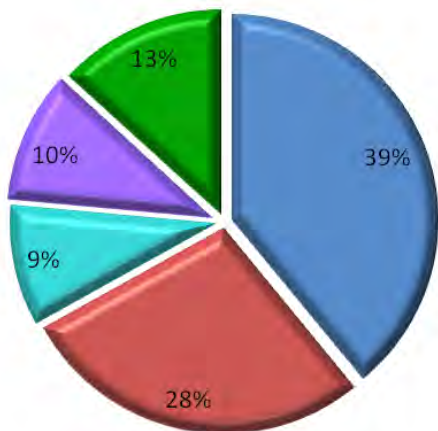
A summary of our income and expenses for the year is provided below. The Annual Conference and Solar Tour continue to be modest income generators. Increasing grants and sponsorships is essential for our organization to grow.

Additionally, in 2008 CRES's Life Membership funds were used to form the basis for an endowment, mostly invested in alternative energy-related stocks. The fund ended the year with \$4958 in assets.

Income		Expenses	
Dues, Grants and Donations	\$52,964	Membership and Administration	\$73,282
<i>Membership Dues</i>	\$39,508	<i>Membership Promotion</i>	\$34,761
<i>Grants and Donations</i>	\$13,456	<i>Communications</i>	\$23,830
Events	\$88,728	<i>Administrative Expenses</i>	\$14,781
<i>Annual Conference (CREC)</i>	\$39,508	Events	\$55,750
<i>Solar Home Tour</i>	\$18,707	<i>Annual Conference (CREC)</i>	\$40,019
<i>Annual and Monthly Meetings</i>	\$14,680	<i>Solar Home Tour</i>	\$11,231
		<i>Annual and Monthly Meetings</i>	\$4,500
Total Income	\$141,69	Total Expenses	\$129,031

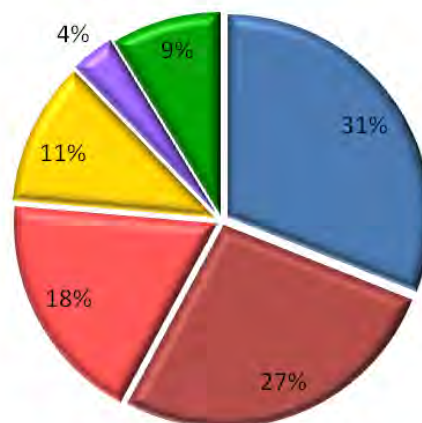
2008 Income

- CREC
- Membership Dues
- Grants and Donations
- Annual & Monthly Meetings
- Solar Tour



2008 Expenses

- CREC
- Membership Promotion
- Communications
- Administrative Expenses
- Annual & Monthly Meetings
- Solar Tour



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