



## **The 1976 American Bicentennial Everest Expedition Presented by Bob Cormack**

Join Bob Cormack when he recounts the American Bicentennial Everest Expedition (ABEE) of 11 climbers who successfully put two people (the 57<sup>th</sup> and 58<sup>th</sup>) to summit on the top of Mt. Everest on October 8, 1976. There were no fatalities or serious injuries, a record that has only been matched in one year since. This was the only expedition on the mountain at that time. The team became known in Kathmandu as "The first Tourist Expedition" to Everest, as it was the first without any world-famous mountaineers. Since the backcountry airports were closed during the summer Monsoon, the expedition walked 140 miles to the mountain, with 16 tons of equipment. The ABEE was the second successful American expedition, the third successful post-monsoon expedition, the 13<sup>th</sup> successful expedition, and the 37<sup>th</sup> expedition to Everest (since 1921). The CMC program will include a CBS Sports film of the climb and a Q/A.

**DATE:** Wednesday, January 25, 2012

**TIME:** Social time starts at 7 pm and Bob Cormack's talk starts at 7:30 pm

**LOCATION:** Fort Collins Senior Center, 1200 Raintree Drive, room 3

**SPONSORING GROUP:** Fort Collins Colorado Mountain Club