

# HISTORY OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHAPTER OF AAPM

**Chapter Origins:** The Rocky Mountain Chapter was formed about 1970 by **Bill Hendee, Paul Carson** and **Ed Chaney**. Both were in their first professional position as assistant professors at the University of Colorado. Paul was hired by Bill to develop a graduate program in medical physics in the department of radiology at the University. Ed was hired to develop an innovative educational program for radiologists and radiologic technicians. **Geoff Ibbot**, Paul Carson and Ed Chaney were the core physicists working under Bill Hendee's direction. Medical physicists were so scarce in that geographical area that the chapter had to include several surrounding states to meet the minimum number of physicists in a chapter required by AAPM.

**Original Chapter area:** Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, although there were no physicists in the last state at the time.

**Quiet years:** There was little activity in the early years, but there was an informal organization called DAMP (Denver Area Medical Physicists) that would meet occasionally organized by someone at the University of Colorado or **Gordon Kenny** from Presbyterian Hospital. **Dave Taylor** and Gordon Kenny worked to keep the chapter alive calling meetings from time to time, in which mostly Colorado-based physicists would meet in the back of Bennett's BBQ house.

**Origins of an ACR standard:** At one DAMP meeting, and years before ACR addressed the issue of creating a standard, the group decided to use a 4.5 cm lucite phantom and report the mid breast dose for a 50/50 composition using the Rosenstein method. This eventually (after some modification) became the national standard



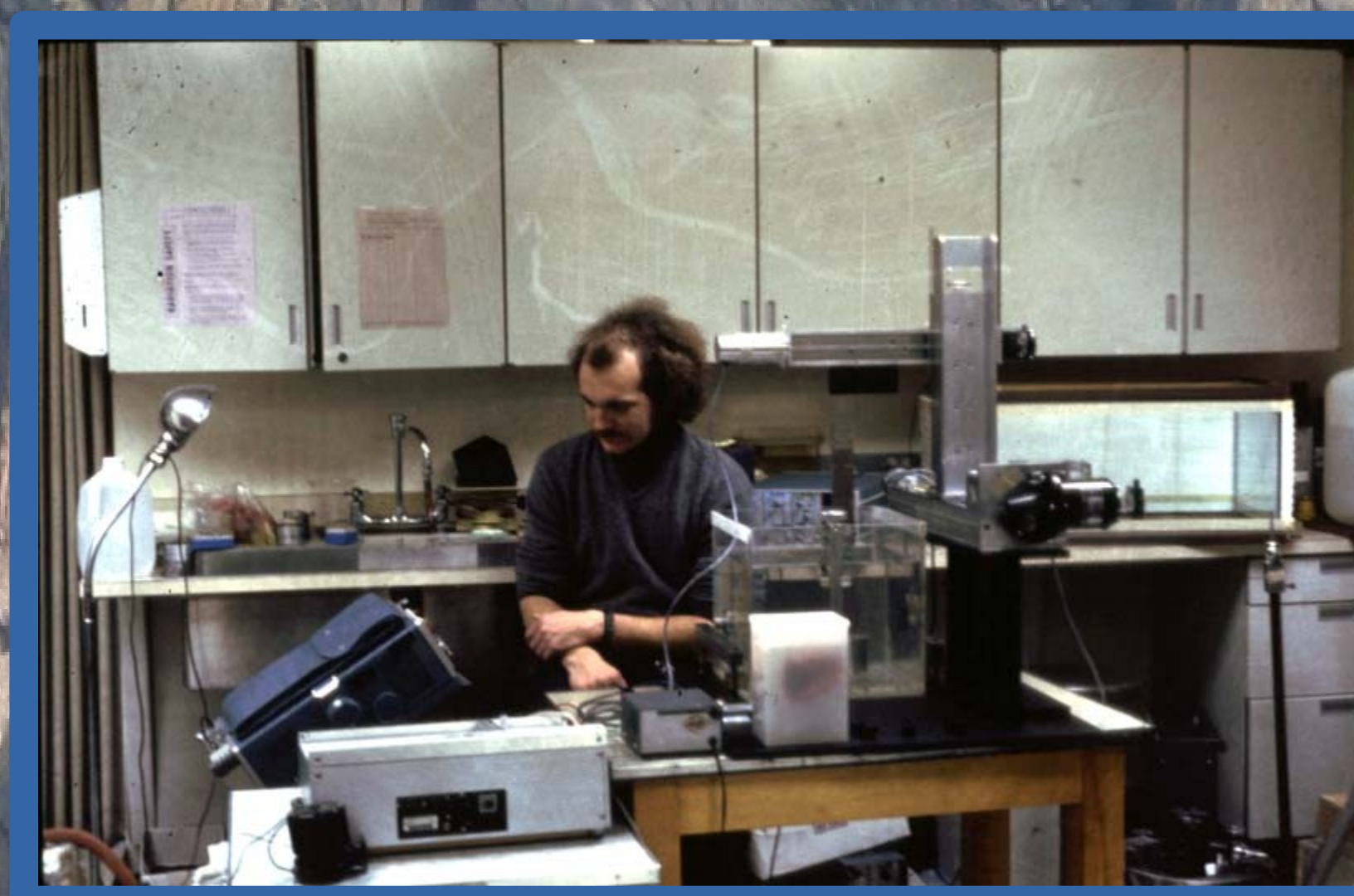
Jack Kromer, Bill Hendee, Ed Chaney



Bill Hendee, Paul Carson-"Wet Picnic"



Dick Banjavic, Chuck Meyer, Steve Jones, Ann Scherzinger, Paul Carson, Tom V. Oughton



Greg Gibbs, student years



Postdoc Bruce Hasegawa with student, Dave Hershen

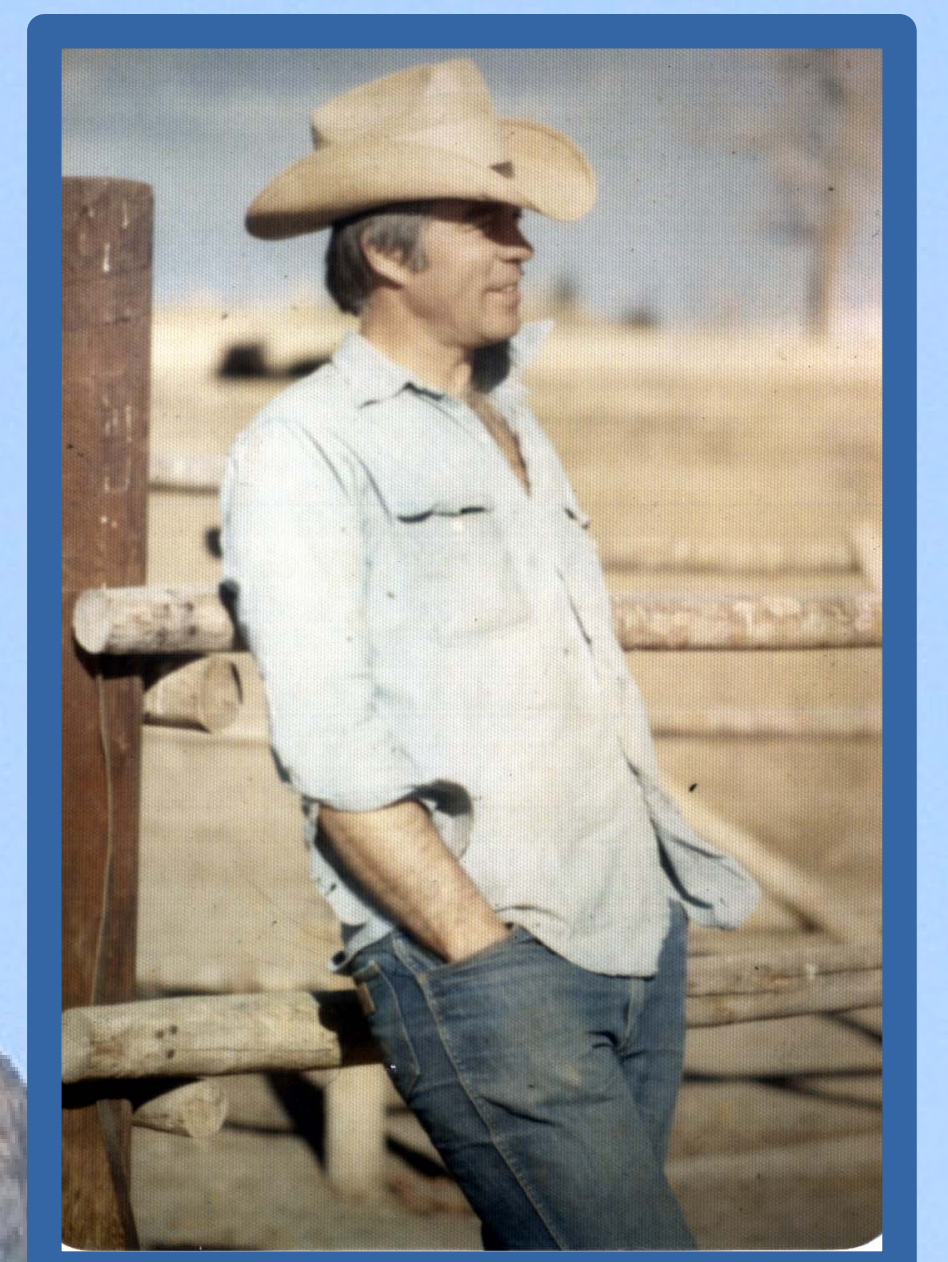
## RMAAPM OFFICERS OVER TIME:

From	To	President	Board Rep.	Secretary/Treasurer
Original		<b>William Hendee*</b>		
1974	1975	J. Edward Barnes	Arvid Lundy	Johon F. Dicello
1976	1977	<b>Paul Carson*</b>	Arvid Lundy	Francis Harshaw
1979		Frances Harshaw	Roy Summers	Richard Lane
1981		Richard Lane	Isaac Rosen	James Hevezi
1983		<b>Geoffrey Ibbott*</b>	Richard Lane	David Wylie
1984		Charles Kelsey	Richard Lane	David Wylie
1985		David Matthes	Richard Lane	Wesley Wooten
1986	1993	Edward Hendrick	Jeffery Williamson	David Herron
1994		Edward Hendrick		
1996	1998		<b>Gerald White*</b>	David Herron
1999	2003		Timoth Johnson	
2001		David Heron		
2003	2006	Douglas Pfeiffer	Donna Siergiej	
2007	2009	Steve Jones	Douglas Pfeiffer	Shawn Meyer
2010	2012		Steve Jones	Shawn Meyer
2011	2012	Mike Tallhammer		Shawn Meyer
2013	2015	ames Lones/Rov Keve	Cem Altunbas	Yevgeniy Vinogradskiy
2016	2018	Alex Markovic	Rebecca Marsh	Vikren Sarkar

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Ray Rossi first dedicated diagnostic medical physicist at UCMC



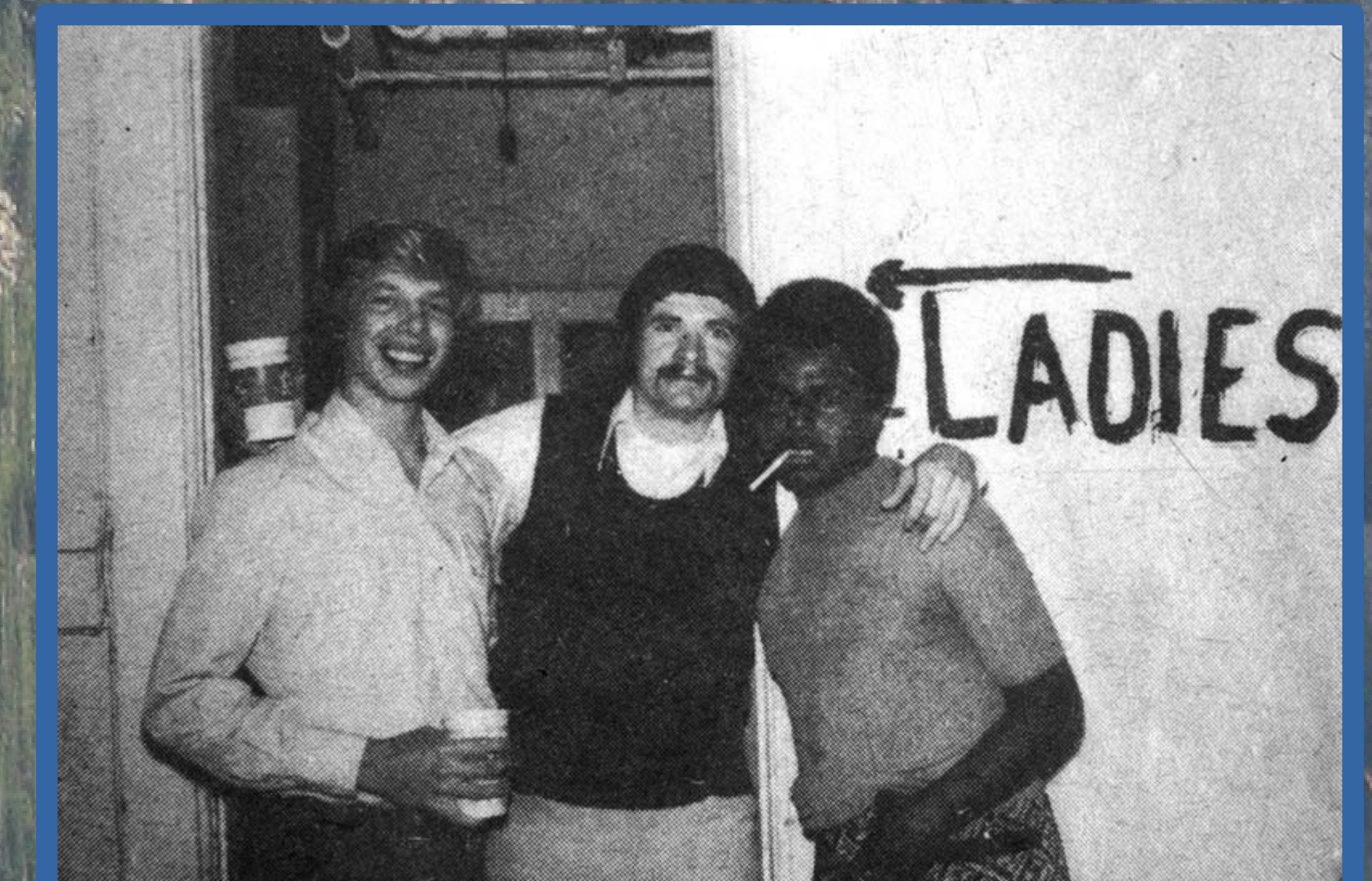
Bill Hendee - Cowboy



First MeV CT-simulator



Tom Chenevert, PhD student (now Prof. Of Radiology, Univ of Mich.)



Dale Fitting, later Ph.D. in acoustics, now in Fairplay, CO. Philip Rouch, MS, long time medical physicist, Henry Ford Hosp., Detroit.