



# Chicago Mountaineering Club

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, January 10, 2005 at 8:00 PM at the Goose Island Brewery, 1800 N Clybourn Ave., Chicago, IL (312) 915-0071. (There will not be a CMC Board Meeting that night.)

General Meetings are open to the public and held on the SECOND Monday of each month, September through May. Everyone is welcome.

## General Meeting Schedule

January 10, 8:00 PM: Please join us for a presentation by George Naxera on his ascent of Mt Whitney, the highest peak in the contiguous United States, by the Mountaineer's Route in May 2004. George is a new member-to-be of the Club with a passion for alpine climbing and photography. This promises to be an enjoyable presentation.

February 14, 8:00 PM: Club Director, former President, active climber, and all around good guy Ron Rolnicki will give a presentation on climbs in the Wilson Group (Mount Wilson 14246ft, El Diente Peak 14159ft, and Wilson Peak 14017ft) in the San Juan Mountains of Southwestern Colorado. This is based on a trip Ron, Jack Gorby, Bob Batterman, and Alex Andrews took to the area in June 2004.

March 14, 8:00 PM: Screening of the film Farther Than the Eye Can See, an award winning and Emmy Award nominated documentary of blind climber Erik Weißenmayer's historic ascent of Mount Everest. "Shot in stunning HDTV format."

April 2: CMC Annual Dinner. See details below.

May 9, 8:00 PM: Olle Swartling will treat us once again to a presentation from his vast slide archives of 50 years in mountain climbing. Rumor is we'll see pictures from his expeditions to the Cordillera Blanca in Peru from the 1970s. Anyone who caught Olle's presentation last spring, or has seen his photography in the past, knows this is not to be missed. This is part of the history of one of our club's most active climbers. Come and see what it's all about, folks.

Please be sure to thank our new Program Chair, Dave Ireland, when you see him. If you have ideas for presentations or would like to give one of your own, please contact Dave at [cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org).

## 2005 Annual Dinner

Our 2005 Annual Dinner will be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at:  
Chicago Yacht Club  
Belmont Station  
300 West Belmont Ave. (At Lakeshore Drive.)  
Chicago IL 60657  
Phone: 773-477-7575

Note that this year's meeting is again at the Chicago Yacht Club, but this is a different location from last year.

Gerry Roach will be our keynote speaker. Gerry is probably best known for his definitive guidebook to Colorado's mountains with summits over 14,000 feet (Colorado's Fourteeners), though he is a prolific author whose titles include Colorado's Thirteeners, Flatiron Classics, Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado's Indian Peaks, Transcendent Summits, et al. His exhaustive list of mountaineering accomplishments include being the first person to climb North America's ten highest peaks; first to climb every major peak over 16,000 feet in North America; and second to climb the highest peaks on the seven continents in 1985 (including an ascent of Mt Everest in 1983.)

His presentation will be on Northern Heights.

As the only person to have climbed North America's 13 highest peaks, Gerry is uniquely qualified to present this in depth look at North America's great peaks. The peaks and climbs to be covered are, in order of height:

1. Mt McKinley - Alaska - 1963, 90, 91
2. Mt Logan - Yukon - 1973
3. Orizaba - Mexico - 1959, 60, 70, 88, 94
4. Mt St Elias - Alaska/Yukon - 2000
5. Popocatepetl - Mexico - 1959, 60, 64, 70, 88
6. Mt Foraker - Alaska - 1975
7. Iztaccihuatl - Mexico - 1959, 60, 70, 83, 88
8. Mt Lucania - Yukon - 1967
9. King Peak - Yukon - 1999
10. Mt Steele - Yukon - 1967
11. Mt Bona - Alaska - 2003
12. Mt Blackburn - Alaska - 1977

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13. Mt Sanford - Alaska - 1995  
25. and as an encore, Mt Hunter - Alaska - 1994

Gerry will also field questions after the presentation so if you are curious about his Himalayan or Andes expeditions, or his new books, please come prepared with lots of questions.

Thanks once again to Ben Kweton for arranging our use of the Chicago Yacht Club facilities, to Jack Gorby for suggesting Gerry Roach, and to Dave Ireland for his work in planning the annual dinner.

## 2005 Western Outing Preview

Our new Expedition Chair, Stephanie Hoffman, sent in this preview of the 2005 Western Outing. Mark your calendars, request vacation time, and start to think about the skills and fitness you'll need for this ambitious trip now. For many the Bugaboos represent the very ideal of alpine rock climbing. This is a great opportunity for club members. Thanks Stephanie!

2005 CMC Outing  
The Bugaboos – Southern British Columbia



There is arguably no better rock to climb in the Canadian Rockies than that found in Bugaboo Provincial Park. The "Bugs" are for "rock climbing", but they are situated in an alpine area! After a strenuous (with all your climbing hardware) ascent of approximately 3,000 ft & covering 5 km on a well established trail, one finds the Kain Hut, a BC Provincial Parks hut run by the ACC (Alpine Club of Canada). The entire area is surrounded by magnificent glaciers, which we will use to access the rock spires. Stay at the Kain hut, the adjacent Campground with tent platforms, or establish a back country camp further up the mountains – all are possible with fees ranging from \$21 CDN/night for the 50+ person Kain Hut to \$5.00 CDN/night for back country camping permits. Reservations are not accepted at this park, all

campsites, including the Kain Hut are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Per BC Parks, "The spectacular Bugaboo Spires attract all levels of well-equipped climbers. There are a few easy to moderate routes, but most routes involve crossing the Glaciers and negotiating difficult traverses. Crampons, ice-axe and ropes are essential." I have found that area affords climbing opportunities from glacier travel to ridge routes and steep rock ascents; from scrambles and pleasant 5.4's all the way to 5.10+ along with some fabulous hiking. Something for EVERY ability!

Fly into Calgary or Spokane (much cheaper) and make the (approximately) 6 hour car ride to the "Bugs" (from either Spokane or Calgary!) or drive (figure 2.5 days one way).

Proposed dates: Hike in Sunday July 17, 2004  
Outing Ends Friday July 22, 2004

For more information, see:

{<http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/bugaboo.htm#parkinfo>}

{<http://www.britishcolumbia.com/ParksAndTrails/Parks/details/?ID=65>}

Or 'google' Bugaboo Provincial Parks and dig up additional information to share.

Want to talk about this? Call or e-mail CMC Expedition Chair Stephanie Hoffman  
[cmcexpedition@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcexpedition@cmcwebsite.org)  
(608) 824-9669

Guides: Bugaboo Rock – A Climbers Guide by Randall Jackson and Joe Benson  
"A Climbers Guide to the Interior Ranges of British Columbia" by W.L. Putnam

Look at topo maps: National (CDN) Topographic Series Maps, Scale, 1:50,000, sheets 82K/15 (Bugaboo Creek) and 82K/10 (Howser Creek). These will cover the entire park except the western limits.

## 2005 Outings

Done El Cap? Bored with the Diamond? Eldorado Canyon got you down? Come rediscover the myriad charms of Devil's Lake and your very own CMC campground. Our Outings Chair Jamie Norris has a packed schedule for us this year. If you've been out of touch with the club in recent years, make it your New Year's resolution to attend an outing this season and get reacquainted. The Devil's Lake quartzite is as challenging and lovely as always, and there is plenty of room in the campground. You can also mix it up a bit with outings to the Mississippi Palisades and Southern Illinois sandstone. If you've never climbed with the club before and have trepidations - No worries. Outings are a low-key way to enjoy the outdoors, meet club members, and get in a lot of climbing. Everyone (non-members must be over age 18) is welcome.

## 2005 Outings Schedule

Following are the dates and locations:

- April 23-24: Palisades State Park  
Savanna, Illinois  
(Experienced climbers)
- May 7-8: Devil's Lake State Park  
Baraboo, WI
- May 21-22: Devil's Lake
- June 11-12: Devil's Lake
- June 25-26: Devil's Lake
- July 17-22: Western Outing – See above
- Aug 13-14: Devil's Lake - Old Timers/New Climbers
- Aug 27-28: Devil's Lake
- Sept 10-11: Devil's Lake
- Sept 24-25: Devil's Lake
- Oct 22-23: Devil's Lake
- Nov 5-6: Shawnee National Forest  
Jackson Falls/Draper's Bluff  
(Experience climbers)

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact our Outings Chair Jamie Norris at [cmcoutings@cmcwebsite](mailto:cmcoutings@cmcwebsite). Apologies to those of you who do not use email or have on-line access. If you would like additional information, you can contact me by mail (address on the label), and I will forward it on.

## February Follies

Yes, once again a hearty group of climbers will embrace winter with gusto over the President's Day Weekend, February 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> (and possibly additional dates.) There are several different options being thrown around with the favorites so far of either a winter summit attempt of Wheeler Peak, New Mexico's highest mountain, or an ice climbing trip to the Thunder Bay area in Ontario, Canada. A few members are interested in doing both. If you would like to be included in the planning or have other ideas, please come to the Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting, but would like to be included in the February Follies, you can contact Jamie Norris.

## Talk of the CMC

Happy New Year everyone. 2005 is shaping up to be an interesting year for our Club. The local outings schedule looks great, and the Western Outing to the Bugaboos is something your new Editor for one is very much looking forward to. There seems to be growing interest in, and ambition for, alpine rock climbing among new club members. I know many of you elders never lost it. Surely the club founders would be happy to see us embracing our roots. Speaking of, who was the last CMCer to climb the Stettner Ledges route on Longs? Or the CMC Route on Mt. Moran? (If anyone out there knows, please let me know.)

2004 saw an exodus of CMC members to Colorado, our club's apparent sister state. Long time member Alex Andrews moved to Bailey in March. He's living the Good Life now, mainly as a climbing, skiing, and

mountain biking bum and seems to be playing host to many traveling CMCers. (We'll have an update from Alex next month.) We also lost Scott Murray to Boulder in late October where he now telecommutes to his job in Northbrook. Scott lives five minutes from the Flatirons (which he gazes at from his home office), twenty minutes from Eldorado Canyon, less than an hour to RMNP, etc. Yes, life is tough on him also. Sarah Sellergren moved back to Denver in August after an eight year sojourn in Chicago. She is finishing her Ph.D. studies and internship in psychology but also finding the time to re-embrace her former life as a river rafting guide, backcountry skier, and climber. Both (and Alex too?) would be happy to get together with traveling CMCers on adventures in Colorado, so be sure to look them up when you're out. Also, for those of you out of the loop, Jochen Bachmann returned to Germany in 2004. They were all regulars at the Devil's Lake campground and all are missed.

Some CMCers are climbing in warmer climes this winter. John Wanner of Beloit, WI, is currently off on one of his frequent climbing trips to Red Rocks in Nevada. If you looking for a climbing partner in the future for moderate multipitch trad routes out west, you can contact him at [BigGrnFrog@aol.com](mailto:BigGrnFrog@aol.com).

A number of members are planning winter climbing trips (see February Follies). Brrr. Phil Patz, Stephanie Hoffman, Jamie Norris, Ron Rolnicki, Chris Young, Matt Mead, and others have plans in the works from waterfall ice climbing north of Lake Superior to short ice climbing trips to Starved Rock to a winter ascent of Wheeler Peak in NM. If you have similar interests, come to the January meeting and ask around.

Reminder: Please be sure to renew your membership by the end of January and pay your campground fees. Our Devil's Lake CMC campground is the best bargain known to Midwest climbers.

## Winter Indoor Outings

Don't let sloth be your friend this winter. Come out and join us for indoor climbing.

Outings are held every other Sunday during the winter months. In addition to our normal outing destination - Vertical Endeavors, 28141 Diehl Rd, Warrenville - we will also have a few outings at the Elk Grove Village climbing gym this winter - 1000 Wellington Ave., Elk Grove Village. The Vertical Endeavors admission cost is \$10 for CMC members, \$15 for non-members. The Elk Grove Village gym is FREE (yes, you read right) to CMC members and guests; courtesy of T.J. Pierce and his wife Jackie. Remember to bring your membership card to both locations.

The times for the Elk Grove outings are listed below. There are no set times for the Vertical Endeavors outings. Some say the afternoon is less crowded, but there should be at least one group meeting around 10:30 in the morning.

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#### Winter Outing Schedule

Following are the dates and locations:

January 2<sup>nd</sup>: Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville

January 16<sup>th</sup>: Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville

February 6<sup>th</sup>: Elk Grove Climbing Gym  
3:30pm to 10pm

February 20<sup>th</sup>: Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville

March 6<sup>th</sup>: Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville

March 20<sup>th</sup>: Elk Grove Climbing Gym  
9:30am to 3:15pm

April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville  
(see page 3 for details.)

#### Editor's Choice

". . . Thus, it is the style of the climb, not attainment of the summit, which is the measure of personal success. Traditionally stated, each of us must consider whether the end is more important than the means. Given the vital importance of style we suggest that the keynote is simplicity. The fewer the gadgets between the climber and the climb, the greater the chance to attain the desired communication with oneself – and nature."

-Chouinard/Frost from the 1972 Chouinard Equipment Catalog.

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