



# CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 PM at SkrineChops, 7230 W. Madison St., Forest Park, IL (708) 771-7230.

General Meetings are open to the public and held on the second Monday of each month, September through May. Everyone is welcome. The CMC Board meets before the General Meeting from 6:30 to 7:45pm.

CMC Board Meeting Minutes are available to members on the club website. Everyone is encouraged to stay informed and get involved.

## General Meeting Schedule

Join us for the first presentation of 2010!

This month's George Naxera will present slides from his May 2007 climb of the Dead Dog Couloir on Torreys Peak. Torreys Peak is the 11th highest peak in Colorado and the Dead Dog Couloir is one of the classic snow routes in the Rockies.

Next General Meeting will be on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to give a presentation or have any ideas for a program, please contact the Programs Chair, Keith Bielat, at [cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org).

## Annual Dinner

The date is set! Hold Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, for the CMC/AAC Annual Dinner.

It will be held again at the DoubleTree Hotel Chicago-Oak Brook (1909 Spring Rd, Oak Brook, IL 60523).

There will be a photo contest for climbing related pictures taken between January 2009 and now. If you have any pictures you would like to submit for consideration please send them to Keith Bielat at [cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org).

## Membership Application

The first reading for membership was made for Steve Koellner at the December General Meeting. Right now mainly an ice climber, Steve has been climbing with the club on the last three February Follies outings.

## 2010 CMC Board of Directors

At the December General Meeting the proposed 2010 Board was presented to the general membership. With no additional nominations brought to the floor our president declared the nominees elected by acclamation. Here is the 2010 Board of Directors:

President	Dave Kenealy
Vice President	Jamie Norris
Secretary	Karen Gisburne
Treasure	Steve Broadie
Sergeant at Arms	Devin Strickland
Program Chair	Keith Bielat
Outings Chair	Michael Burian
Publications Chair	George Naxera
Director thru 2012	Pieter Fockens

They join Bill Dietrich (Director thru 2010) and Michael Burian (Director thru 2011).

The members up for the appointed positions pending approval by the Board are:

Safety Chair	Chris Gregory
Grounds Chair	Bill Dietrich
Expedition Chair	Matt Haraburda
Technology Chair	Matt Sickler
Librarian	Pieter Fockens
Conservation Chair	Open

Good luck in 2010!

## Membership Renewal Forms

The Membership Renewal Forms will be coming out in the next couple of weeks. Whether you get the newsletter/yearbook by mail or electronically, the renewals will all be sent out by mail. So keep your eyes peeled.

The climbing waiver is on the back of the renewal form so if you are planning on climbing with the group this year, please fill out the waiver. If you missed filling it out the Outings Chair can have you sign one at your first outing. If your contact information has changed please update it on the form or you can update it on the website as well.

Once the renewal forms are complete they can be returned to:  
Jamie Norris  
7S259 Midfield Drive  
Aurora, IL 60506

Once you get your renewal, please complete and return it to Jamie as earlier as possible. The faster we get them back the faster membership cards and yearbooks can be available.

If you have any questions about your membership or the renewal please contact Jamie Norris at [cmvicepres@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmvicepres@cmcwebsite.org).

## Ice Pit Ice Festival & Demo Weekend

The Ice Pit is holding their first annual Ice Pit Ice Festival and Demo Weekend January 16-17<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$10 for the weekend.

Demo gear will be available from Marmot, Osprey, Scarpa, Petzl, Sterling Rope, and Black Diamond.

Also present will be Kind Bars, Point 6 Socks, SOLE Footbeds, Little Hotties, Red Bull, Yaktrax, the Access Fund, the American Alpine Club, and more.

Saturday evening festivities include a slide show by Dean Einerson, door prize drawings, and a party at the Ramada Inn indoor waterpark.

Special rate is available at the Ramada Inn. A free shuttle will be available to and from hotel and climbing.

For Ice Pit waivers and additional festival details please visit <http://www.theicepit.org/default3.asp> and check out the current events.

## February Follies

Like years past this year's ice climbing outing is planned for President's Day Weekend. The group will leave Thursday evening traveling up to Batchawana Bay, Ontario, Canada. There will be three days of ice climbing and local activities before heading back to the states on Monday.

Due to lodging the group will be small so if interested please contact Matt Haraburda at [cmcexpedition@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcexpedition@cmcwebsite.org)

## Winter Indoor and Outdoor Events

Here are some climbing events for the winter months to keep you active till spring. Several ice fests for the cold lovers and a few indoor events for those who are not.

January 7-10<sup>th</sup> – Ouray Ice Fest, Ouray, CO  
<http://ourayicefestival.com/>

January 15-17<sup>th</sup> – Adirondack International Mountainfest, Keene Valley, NY  
[http://mountaineer.com/?page\\_id=83](http://mountaineer.com/?page_id=83)

January 16-17<sup>th</sup> – Ice Pit Ice Festival & Demo Weekend, De Pere, WI  
<http://www.theicepit.org/default3.asp>

January 16<sup>th</sup> – Hangdog Jamboree, Upper Limits, Bloomington, IL  
<http://www.upperlimits.com/bloomington/index.html>

February 5-7<sup>th</sup> – Michigan Ice Fest, Munising, MI  
[http://www.downwindsports.com/ice\\_fest.html](http://www.downwindsports.com/ice_fest.html)

February 5-7<sup>th</sup> – Mount Washington Valley Ice Festival, North Conway, NH  
<http://ime-usa.com/imcs/index.html>

February 12-15<sup>th</sup> – Batchawana Ice Festival, Batchawana Bay, Ontario, Canada  
<http://www.northofsuperiorclimbing.com/>

February 12-15<sup>th</sup> - South Fork Water Fall Ice Festival, Cody, WY  
<http://www.southforkice.com/>

March 6<sup>th</sup> - No Holds Barred Climbing Competition, Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville, IL  
<http://www.verticalendeavors.com/warrenville/index.html>

March 12-15<sup>th</sup> – Agawa Canyon Ice Festival, Agawa Canyon, Ontario, Canada  
<http://www.northofsuperiorclimbing.com/>

## The Mountaineering Foundation of Chicago

An idea conceived in 1937 by a few University of Chicago students became a reality in 1940 as the Chicago Mountaineering Club. After the death of 2 members in 1949, the club was incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation. In the early 1950s, CMC member and club Librarian, Dr. Frances Mullen dreamed of a "foundation" that would support climbing and climbing education. George Pokorny shared this vision and would be instrumental in bringing it to life in the early 1980s. Over the years the CMC grew the John Speck Memorial Library into one of the best in the country and made land acquisitions that are now the campground and the previously owned farm.

In the 1980s after two prominent lawsuits against Chouinard Equipment, Ltd and the Colorado Mountain Club, concern rose over what would happen if this ever happened to the CMC. While exploring different options the idea of a foundation was revived. The foundation would support Midwestern climbers, promote climbing education and safety, and manage all assets including the library and campground. The CMC would be left manage climbing activities and programs. After much discussion by the board and the general membership the idea was accepted. Thus the Mountaineering Foundation of Chicago was born. The CMC was renamed to the MFC, a new board was selected, and a new corporate purpose was created. The old CMC board created a new not-for-profit corporation as the Chicago Mountaineering Club and adopted the old mission statement, by-laws and membership. Even though now under the MFC, the library and campground were made available to the CMC by the MFC.

The years that have followed the creation of the MFC have had their ups and downs. Sometimes things run like nothing has changed and then there are times when it is apparent that things are very much different.

Over the last year questions have risen over the relationship between the CMC and the MFC. Graciously Jack Gorby, MFC President and CMC member, put together THE STORY OF THE MFC & ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CMC. Its length prohibits publication in the newsletter and it would not do justice to condense it in any way so the piece in entirety is posted on the website for reading. Once you login look for MFCStory.pdf under Board Documents.

## John C Speck Memorial Library

Looking for a good climbing book to read during the cold winter months? Need a guide book to start planning that big summer trip? Don't forget to check out the resources available to us through the library. If you would like to visit the library and look at available literature please contact Pieter Fockens at 847-205-9916.

Looking to expand your own personal climbing library? The library has many duplicate books that are now for sale. For a list of what books are available please contact Pieter. Likewise if you feel like you're starting to create your own library and are looking for a new home for some of those books, consider donating them to the library. If interested in donating books to the library please contact Pieter.

## Newsletters and Club Mailings

If you would like to help in the effort save tress and cut back on paper waste, you can help by how you receive club communications and mailings. Members can opt to receive the newsletters, CMC yearbook, or the Mountaineer electronically instead of by mail. To take advantage of this option all you have to do is go to your membership profile and select the corresponding option at the bottom of the page.

If you have any questions or need farther assistance please contact the Secretary Karen Gisburne at [cmcsecretary@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcsecretary@cmcwebsite.org).

## Member Contact Information

To make sure you stay up-to-date with what is going on in the club, please make sure that your contact information is current. Contact info can be up-dated on the website under My Membership after login. You can also update how you receive communications (i.e. the newsletter) from the club.

If you do not remember your password please contact the Technology Chair, Matt Mead at [cmctechnology@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmctechnology@cmcwebsite.org). If you're a new member and don't have a user name or password please contact the Vice President, Jamie Norris at [cmvicepres@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmvicepres@cmcwebsite.org).

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NEWSLETTER: Please submit your comments, announcements, outings or personal climbing reports, items of interest, ephemera, or questions to the Editor: Karen Gisburne. e-mail: [cmcsecretary@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcsecretary@cmcwebsite.org). Also, please contact me if your newsletter was damaged in the mail and you would like a fresh copy sent.

### What's Happening

This Month:  
January 10<sup>th</sup> Board Transition Meeting  
January 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting  
Dead Dog Couloir, Torreys Peak  
January 16-17<sup>th</sup> Ice Pit Ice Festival

Next Month:  
February 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting  
February 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> February Follies

Upcoming Events:  
March 6<sup>th</sup> CMC/AAC Annual Dinner

Look inside for more information!

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