



Chicago Mountaineering Club

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, February 13th, at 8:00 PM at the Goose Island Brewery, 1800 N Clybourn Ave., Chicago IL (312) 915-0071. There will be a CMC Board Meeting immediately preceding the General Meeting at 6:30. CMC members are welcome to attend the Board meetings.

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

CMC Board Meeting Minutes are available to members on the club website. Everyone is encouraged to stay informed and get involved. If you do not know how to log in, please contact the webmaster at cmcwebmaster@cmcwebsite.org.

General Meeting Schedule

February 13th, 8:00 PM: Iwona Korzeniowska will present a program of her trek in Nepal including an ascent of Mera Peak, the highest non-technical climb in the Nepal Himalaya.

March 13th, 8:00 PM: Still being worked on.

Thanks to Jamie Norris and Jim Considine for their presentations in January. If you have ideas for presentations or would like to give one of your own, please contact Donna Martino at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

2006 Annual Dinner

You're Invited!

Yes, it's that time again! The annual CMC / AAC Midwest Section dinner is Saturday April 1st. Come out and see all your climbing friends before the season begins. This year Phil Powers, Executive Director of the American Alpine Club, will present "Climbing Around the World" - highlights of his favorite climbs including the first ascents of Lukpilla Brakk's Western Edge and Denali's Washburn Face; ascents of GII and



Lukpilla Brakk, Karakoram, Pakistan. By Phil Powers.

K2; failure on Latok III and, closer to home, the first winter traverse of the Teton's Cathedral Group. Phil is the current Executive Director of the American Alpine Club, co-owner of the Jackson Hole Mountain Guides, and author of *Wilderness Mountaineering and Climbing: Expedition Planning*. He is a former NOLS mountaineering development director and chief instructor, and veteran leader of more than 25 international expeditions to the world's great ranges, from K2 in Pakistan's Karakoram Range to first ascents in Alaska.

Thanks to Ben Kweton who has once again secured the beautiful Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station to host our event.

Donations are already starting to come in! The North Face, Moosejaw, Prana and a new local company called Do Wrap Performance Headwear have already made gear donations.

All the details are enclosed along with the R.S.V.P. form, which needs to be sent in by March 24th. If you have any questions, contact Donna Martino at 773.407.3432 or cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

Hope to see you there!
Donna Martino

Thanks Donna. In case you don't know, Donna's been carrying much of the water for the club the last year or two so don't forget to thank her.

Devil's Lake Leads

Let's first address the obvious: If you do not currently lead traditional climbs (placing protection on the move from the bottom up) you must make the decision to do so completely on your own. Some people do not want to lead, should not lead, etc. We are not recommending you lead climb at Devil's Lake. Lead climbing is inherently much more dangerous than top roping. However if you would like to lead but haven't yet, follow the traditional path. First hone your climbing skills and build strength top roping. Learn how to set up bomb proof anchors by watching and working with experienced climbers to set up top rope anchors. Take a course in anchor construction from a professional guide group. Become an expert at constructing anchors. Cajole an experienced trad leader into letting you second. Gain experience pulling protection following an experienced lead climber. It's the traditional apprenticeship way of learning. You see how others place protection when you remove it, and you learn from them. Consider taking a course on lead climbing from an outfit like the Colorado Mountain School or American Alpine Institute. Practice placing protection while standing on the ground. Test it. See what holds and what doesn't. Ask an experienced climber to review your placement choices. Develop an instinct for it.

And when you are ready to lead...
Former Devil's Lake Hardman, Alex Andrews, shares some of his past favorite moderate lead climbs at Devil's Lake. (Check the guidebook for locations.)

5.4
New Box
Queen's Throne
Cleopatra's Needle
The Spine

5.5
Double Overhang

Sunken Pillar
The Bone
Handle With Care
Equinox
Condor Corner

5.6
Lost Temple Corner
Push Mi Pull Yu
Angels Crack
Pretzel
False Perspective
Can-Can (guide says 5.5, Alex thinks 5.6)
Berkeley

5.7
Family Jewels (3 stars)
Peters Project
Charybdis
Dippy Diagonal
Birthday Crack
Lost Face
Flying Indian
Ramses I and II
Bishop

5.8
Sun-Top
Lost Face Overhang II
Birch Tree Crack
Curving Crack
The Chopper

5.9
TM Overhang

CCH Alien Cam RECALL

Message from the Safety Chair:
Below is information first passed along to the CMC board by member James Pasterczyk. I visited the CCH web site on 1-11-06. As of Noon there was no mention of the recall. Perhaps they haven't gotten around to it yet... Please check your climbing racks to see if you have any of the Alien Cams referenced below. If so, please check the CCH web site to see if further information has been posted, or call them directly.
-Jack Fletcher

Statement from Colorado Custom Hardware:
Colorado Custom Hardware, (CCH) has recently completed an investigation and extensive testing to identify and isolate safety issues concerning the brazing on CCH Alien cams. The safety of our customers is our number one priority.

Testing has revealed that there was a brazing issue with specific cams made after November 2004. The units to be identified are marked with a small center punch dimple at the base of the round ball where the axle goes through the cable eye. Although few failures have been reported, CCH recommends immediately discontinuing the use of any Aliens with this mark.

CCH is recalling the cams with the identifying punch mark. Please return them to CCH for a new replacement unit.

You can mail your cams to:
Colorado Custom Hardware, Inc
ATTN: Brazing Recall
115 E. Lyon St
Laramie, WY 82072

If you are not sure if your cams are included in the recall, please contact us at (307)721-9385.

We sincerely apologize for this inconvenience and we are doing everything possible to correct it quickly. There will be a photograph on our web site to help to identify the cams that need to be returned. The Web site address: aliencamsbycch.com

Sincerely,
Colorado Custom Hardware, Inc
115 E. Lyon St
Laramie, WY 82072

Heinrich Harrer, 1912-2005

VIENNA (Reuters) - Austrian mountaineer Heinrich Harrer, whose life was portrayed in his book and the film "Seven Years in Tibet", died on Saturday, January 7, 2005 aged 93, Austrian officials said in a statement.

He was the first person to climb the difficult north face of the Eiger in the Swiss Alps in 1938, but won world renown after his book, the film version of which was directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud and starred Brad Pitt.

Harrer was interned in northern India by British authorities in 1939 during an expedition in the Himalayas but escaped in 1944 and fled over the mountain range to Tibet.

He struck up a close friendship with the Dalai Lama when staying at the Tibetan capital of Lhasa from 1946 to 1951, before China annexed the country.

Harrer was admitted to hospital two days ago in Friesach in southern Austria. There were no details of the cause of death.

British independent researcher Roger Croston, who has written about Tibet and knew Harrer personally, said the Austrian mountaineer spent much of his life supporting the cause of the Tibetan people.

"Harrer was perhaps the most famous mountaineer of his generation and his climb of the north face of the Eiger in 1938 along with Ludwig Vörg, Andreas Heckmair and Fritz Kasparek ranks as one of, if not the greatest mountaineering feat of the time."

Remaining 2006 Indoor Outings

If you let sloth be your friend this winter, now is the time to redeem yourself. Don't miss these last indoor outings:

February 19 th :	Vertical Endeavors, Warrentville
March 5 th :	Vertical Endeavors, Warrentville
March 19 th :	Vertical Endeavors, Warrentville
April 2 nd :	Vertical Endeavors, Warrentville

2006 Outdoor Outings

You'll notice we are trying something a little different this year with outings (see the schedule on the back page.) We're going to have fewer Open Outings along with a number of Members Only Outings. Just as with any weekend, members can still invite nonmember guests on these 'Members Only' weekends. Let's see how it works this year. If members miss having more Open Outings we can switch back next year, but our current Rope Leaders have been over burdened in recent years with the number of outings. These new 'Members Only' outings should require less active oversight by the leaders.

Devil's Lake for Mountaineers?

For those of you who don't like hiking the boulder fields at Devil's Lake, take note. Scrambling up and down the boulder fields is a prime training opportunity for alpine climbing. Take full advantage of the treasure we have.

Following is an excerpt from the book *Alpine Climbing: Techniques to Take You Higher* by the guides Mark Houston and Kathy Cosley:

"In preparation for the mountains... movement skills are at least as important as fitness. And among movement skills, scrambling ability is arguably even more important than technical climbing ability. In training for the mountains, it is tempting to focus on only steep, belayed rock and ice climbing, but in fact alpine climbing is typically only about 20 percent technical climbing on steep terrain.

Therefore, high-angle technical climbing ability is not enough. An alpinist must also be able to move gracefully and efficiently over the boulders, talus, scree, and technically easy but exposed rock or snow that make up about 80 percent of a typical alpine climb. When done well, this looks like mere walking, but in fact the skills involved are quite complex and require effort to develop. Small inefficiencies of movement add up to a great deal of wasted energy, which can cause even the fittest athletes to achieve below their potential. More important, lack of scrambling skill can cause missteps or require more belaying than would otherwise be necessary. These nontechnical movement skills seem so simple and mundane that most people underestimate the importance of working hard on them, but they are the foundation of success and safety. Fortunately, they improve quickly with practice...."

From:**Chicago Mountaineering Club**

c/o Robert White
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Chicago, IL 60614

TO:

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

NEWSLETTER: Please submit your comments, announcements, outings or personal climbing reports, items of interest, ephemera, or questions to the Editor: Robert White at 1845 N. Orleans Street, Apt. 2R, Chicago, IL 60614 or e-mail: cmcsecretary@cmcwebsite.org. Also, please contact me if your newsletter was damaged in the mail and you would like a fresh copy sent.

2006 Outdoor Outing Schedule

Jamie Norris, CMC Outings Chair.

CMC Open Outings for 2006. Newcomers and non-members are welcome. (Non-members must be age 18 or over.)

April 29-30: Palisades State Park
Savanna, Illinois
(Experienced climbers)
May 20-21: Devil's Lake State Park
Baraboo, WI
June 24-25: Devil's Lake
Aug 12-13: Devil's Lake - Old Timers/New Climbers
Sept 23-24: Devil's Lake
Oct 21-22: Devil's Lake

CMC Member Outings for 2006. These outings are open to CMC members and their invited guests.

June 3-4: Devil's Lake – Lamb Roast (tentative)
Sept 2-4: Devil's Lake
Oct 7-8: Devil's Lake
Nov 4-5: Shawnee National Forest

2006 Board Members**Directors:**

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"Knowledge is the key to simplification."

– Yvon Chouinard



**CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
AMERICAN ALPINE CLUB
MIDWEST SECTION
ANNUAL DINNER**



Saturday, April 1, 2006

5:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Chicago Yacht Club Monroe Station
400 East Monroe Street
(Monroe and Lake Shore Drive)
Chicago, Illinois 60603-6493

We welcome Phil Powers, Executive Director of the American Alpine Club.

Phil will present "Climbing Around the World" - highlights of his favorite climbs, including the first ascents of Lukpilla Brakk's Western Edge and Denali's Washburn Face; ascents of GII and K2; failure on Latok III and, closer to home, the first winter traverse of the Teton's Cathedral Group.

Event Schedule

5:30 Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres & silent auction bidding
7:00 Dinner
8:00 Presentation
9:30 Silent Auction and Raffle

Cost

\$30 Senior Members (Over 65 and with more than 10 years membership)
\$35 CMC and AAC Members (can bring 1 guest at member price)
\$40 General Public

Raffle/Silent Auction

Win top-notch gear from some of the best companies around. You'll also get a chance to join or renew your membership to The Access Fund and qualify for a special raffle.

Parking

Free parking is available at the Chicago Yacht Club. Car-pooling is encouraged.

RSVP

Mail the enclosed form by March 24th to: Donna Martino
646 N. Damen Avenue
Chicago, IL 60622-5501

Questions?

Contact Donna at 773.407.3432 or cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

RSVP
CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB
AMERICAN ALPINE CLUB MIDWEST SECTION
2006 ANNUAL DINNER
APRIL 1, 2006

Please complete this form and mail it along with your payment by **March 24th** to:

Donna Martino
 646 N. Damen Avenue
 Chicago, IL 60622-5501

	Quantity	Price	Total
Senior Members		\$30	
Members		\$35	
General Public		\$40	
Total			

Make check or money order payable to: Chicago Mountaineering Club

Select One:

Your Name: _____ Chicken ___ Vegetarian ___

Guest Name: _____ Chicken ___ Vegetarian ___

Guest Name: _____ Chicken ___ Vegetarian ___

Guest Name: _____ Chicken ___ Vegetarian ___

If you or your guest(s) have any special dietary requests (e.g. food allergies) please specify here:

Looking forward to seeing you!