



CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, February 11th, at 8:00 PM at the Goose Island Brewery, 1800 N Clybourn Ave., Chicago IL (312) 915-0071.

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

On behalf of the CMC Board I would like to extend our many apologies to everyone for the late cancellation of the January 14th CMC General Meeting. Goose Island Brewery booked the entire facility for the evening and the CMC was only informed of this when a confirmation call was made to make sure everything was set for the meeting. We sincerely hope that no one was inconvenienced by the last minute change.

Karen Gisburne, Secretary

February 11th, 8:00pm: 2 for 1. Outings Chair Jamie Norris will give a short presentation on his climb of Granite Peak, the high point of the state of Montana. Conservation Chair Keith Bielat will present some photos of sport climbs at Red Rocks, Nevada, from this past summer.

March 1st: CMC Annual Dinner. (See below.) There will be no general meeting at Goose Island in March.

If you would like to give a presentation this spring, please contact the Programs Chair Devin Strickland at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

2008 CMC Annual Dinner

The annual CMC / AAC Midwest Section dinner will be Saturday March 1st at the Chicago Yacht Club - Belmont Station. Thanks again to Ben Kweton, who reserved the CYC for us.

This year's speaker is Jim Detterline, PhD. Since 1974, Jim has climbed rock, waterfall ice and high peaks in North and South America, Africa and Europe. His notable ascents include 291 trips up Longs Peak, including 15 on the Diamond; the highpoints of six South American countries, including Aconcagua, Argentina; Sugarloaf Mountain, Brazil; numerous first ascents on sandstone in the Dinosaur National Monument area; five first ascents of Norwegian waterfalls; the classic Ferrari Route on Alpamayo, Peru; the infamous Ice Widow Route on Mt. Kenya; not to mention ice in Alabama and rock in Delaware. Jim has written six climbing guides, including *Shades of Gray: An Ice Climber's Guide to Dixie*, and is the Longs Peak Area Ranger at Rocky Mountain National Park.

We'll also have our annual raffle and silent auction, so bring your checkbook to get great gear at a fraction of the price!

Devin Strickland, Programs Chair

Please put March 1st on your calendars for the annual dinner. The official invitations were sent out during January. Please return RSVP cards with payment to Devin by February 15th. If you didn't receive your invitation or have additional questions please contact Devin at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

Volunteers are needed to help coordinate and setup, so please contact Devin at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org if you can contribute.

Membership Renewal

Once again it is renewal time. Your membership renewal form was included with the January newsletter. If you receive your newsletter electronically, you should have received a form via US Mail. If you did not, please contact the Membership Chairman Dave Kenealy at cmvicepres@cmwebsite.org. If you missed the renewal deadline of January 31, 2008 please still get it in ASAP so the Club can publish the Yearbook early in the year.

Please remember to update your contact information on the renewal form or you can update your information at any time by logging on to the website.

If you would like to save a few trees and get the newsletter electronically you can select this option while you are updating your contact information.

Ice Climbing at Stephens Falls, Governor Dodge State Park

December 23rd Ronn Fieldhouse, Todd Cornilsen and Teresa Schudrowitz met for an afternoon of ice climbing at Governor Dodge State Park. While driving conditions were less than perfect, we couldn't have asked for better ice conditions. The ice was like plastic and we were able to find several great lines to climb along Stephens Falls. We had the park to ourselves for the afternoon. Although the temperature was in the low teens and winds were around 20mph, we had pleasant



Ronn Fieldhouse starting off on climb at Stephen Falls, Gov. Dodge SP. December 2007. Teresa Schudrowitz photo



Todd Cornilsen ice climbing at Stephen Falls, Gov. Dodge SP. December 2007 T. Schudrowitz photo

conditions below the falls and were out of the wind.

Ronn was the first on the ice and had the added challenge of clearing the snow built up from the night's 7 inch snowfall. Todd was next up and successfully completed his first ice climb. Teresa was just going to be a belay slave and the outing photographer, but after some cajoling and borrowing crampons and ice axes, she attempted her first ice climb. While she did not top out, she did make it almost to the top with only a couple of falls.

The afternoon flew by with Ronn and Todd both making several ascents along various lines. The day was topped off with Troll burgers, Grump Chips, and beers at the Grumpy Troll in Mount Horeb. Hope to see more people out on the next trip!

Teresa Schudrowitz

February Follies

February Follies will again be over President's Day weekend, February 15th to the 18th, to Montreal River Harbor, Ontario. A strong group of guys will be heading out February 14th to take on the ice of Canada. Outings Chair, Jamie Norris, will be leading the group of experienced and new ice climbers to crags on the Lake Superior shore. We wish you all happy climbing and don't forget the snowshoes!

News and Notices

George Naxera is planning to climb Mt. Shasta (14,162') via the Casaul Ridge over President's Day weekend (Feb 16-17). Mt Shasta is located in Northern California, in the southern Cascades Mountain Range. George is climbing with 5 team members in preparation for their attempt of Denali in May. We wish him good luck and look forward to a future presentation at one of the monthly CMC meetings!

Now if all these trips are making you crave so climbing time here are some ideas to satisfy those desires. Check out ice climbing at Governor Dodge State Park or Starved Rock State Park. Starved Rock opened for ice climbing Feb. 2nd at Tonti, Wildcat, and LaSalle canyons. Be sure to sign in and out at the park office when climbing there.

For warmer climbing options Vertical Endeavors is holding their No Holds Barred 7even Climbing Competition March 1st from 8am-2pm. Climbers can compete in 5 categories based on age or skill level. Registration is going on now. Check out Vertical Endeavors website for more information.

IMAX showing of 'The Alps'

John Harlin III - mountaineer, author, film maker, and son of legendary climber John Harlin II - will be in Chicago on May 22nd to introduce the IMAX movie 'The Alps' on his successful climb of the North Face of the Eiger in 2005. This is part of a special Switzerland Tourism showing. You may remember that his father was killed in 1966 (when John III was nine years old) attempting a direct route on the Eiger. Mr. Harlin has tentatively invited the CMC to be his guests at this event, depending on the total count of those interested.

If you would like to attend, please contact Jack Gorby by phone 773-761-5805 or email at swedepole@comcast.net

In With the New...

With the start of the New Year so brings some new faces to the CMC Board. After a year and a half as a CMC member I am now stepping into a new role with the CMC as your secretary. In taking on this role I now have the pleasure of putting together the newsletter so everyone can stay informed of what is going on in the club and with each other.

Just as we have seen a change in the faces on the Board so we see a change of faces within the CMC membership. Over the past few months some of the faces we have grown to know have left us for new regions of the country and the world but in turn we have had new people step in and create their own place with the CMC. I would like to include the coming and goings of CMC members in the newsletters.

New members, don't be afraid to let us know who you are. We will eventually find out but this way you can control the stories that get told. And for those of you who are now miles away, if you happen to do anything fun, exciting, news worthy or just want to say hi, send it on. That way even if you can't be with us in person we can still share in your lives and not forget you.

Not only am I looking forward to a great year of climbing with you all but I am looking forward to serving on the Board and putting together a newsletter that will be enjoyable for all.

Karen Gisburne, Secretary



Whiteout, Red River Gorge, KY

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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. Also, please contact me if your newsletter was damaged in the mail and you would like a fresh copy sent.

2008 Winter Indoor Outing Schedule

Come one, come all. Indoor outings are held about twice a month during the winter, approximate start time is 10am. The outing destination is:

Vertical Endeavors
28141 Diehl Rd
Warrenville, Illinois

Admission is \$10 for CMCers, \$15 for non-members. Remember to bring your membership card.

February 10
February 24
March 9
March 23
April 6

If you have any questions on these outings you can contact the Outings Chair, Jamie Norris, at cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org

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