



CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, February 8th, 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

Please join us for this month's General Meeting on February 8th.

There will be no General Meeting on March 8th. Instead please join us for the Annual Dinner on March 6th.

The next General Meeting will be April 12th.

If you are interested in giving a presentation or have program ideas, please contact Keith Bielat, Programs Chair, at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

New Member

The first reading for membership was made for Steve Koellner at the December General Meeting. He was voted in as a member at the January board meeting. Right now mainly an ice climber, Steve has been climbing with the club on the last three February Follies outings and is looking to go again this year. Join me in welcoming him to the club and hopefully there are many years of climbing ahead, both on ice and rocks!

Membership Application

The first reading for membership was made for Jason Weinberg at the January General Meeting. Jason started climbing with the club last year when he joined the group going to Granite Peak for the Western Outing. He has also climbed at Devil's Lake.

Annual Dinner

Join us Saturday, March 6th, for the CMC/AAC Annual Dinner.

The event will start at 6:00pm. There will be cocktails and appetizers and dinner will be served. Bring some extra spending money for raffle tickets and the silent auction (there is always great gear/trips to win). And of course the highlight of the evening will be a featured speaker, details to come.

The cost for the evening is \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members, and \$30 for senior members.

The dinner will be at the DoubleTree Hotel Chicago-Oak Brook (1909 Spring Rd, Oak Brook, IL 60523). This will also be a place to stay for members visiting from out of the area.

Invitations will be mailed out to all members in the next two weeks so keep your eyes open for it. RSVP is required.

If you have any questions about the Annual Dinner or do not receive an invitation please contact Keith Bielat, Programs Chair, at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

In memory...

It is with great sadness that I share that Edward Arcos passed away in early December. Ed started climbing with the club in the late 80s becoming a member in 1989. He was active in the club for only a few years in the early 90s before taking time off from climbing. He came up for a weekend occasionally over the years but usually just to camp. This last year he started coming back up to the lake regularly to climb. In September he reapplied for membership and the board re-instated his membership. During the outings he was eager to relearn anchor setups and could be found at the top of climbs watching and asking questions. He will be missed.

Membership Renewal Forms

The Membership Renewal Forms have been mailed. Whether you get club communications by mail or electronically, the renewals were all sent out by mail. If you have not received your renewal, please contact Jamie Norris, Vice President, at cmvicepres@cmcwebsite.org.

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.

2010 CMC Board of Directors

At the January Board Meeting the appointed positions were approved. Here is the 2010 Board of Directors:

Director thru 2010	Bill Dietrich
Director thru 2011	Michael Burian
Director thru 2012	Pieter Fockens
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
Safety Chair	Chris Gregory
Grounds Chair	Bill Dietrich
Expedition Chair	Matt Haraburda
Conservation Chair	Todd Cornilsen
Technology Chair	Matt Sickler
Librarian	Pieter Fockens

Good luck in 2010!

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.

There is still space available so if you are interested please contact Matt Haraburda at cmcexpedition@cmcwebsite.org

Indoor Climbing Outing

An indoor climbing outing has been planned!

Join us February 28th at Vertical Endeavors. Please come between 10-11am. We will climb as long as people can last. Afterwards the group can head out for pizza if there is interest.

Vertical Endeavors (inside Life Time Fitness)
28141 Diehl Rd, Warrenville, IL 60555

Cost for climbing is \$15. Gear rental is extra.

For more information please contact Mike Burian, Outings Chair, at cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org

2010 Outdoor Climbing Schedule

Mark your calendars! The dates have been set for the 2010 outdoor climbing season.

Outings will start in May and run through November. Outings will take place at the Mississippi Palisades, Devil's Lake, Southern IL, and the Red River Gorge.

May 1-2 nd	Mississippi Palisades
May 15-16 th	Devil's Lake, WI
May 28-30 th	Devils Tower, WY
For Experienced Climbers/Partners Only	
June 5-6 th	Devil's Lake, WI
June 26-27 th	Devil's Lake, WI
July 10-11 th	Devil's Lake, WI
July 31-Aug 1 st	Devil's Lake, WI
Aug 15-16 th	Devil's Lake, WI
Old Timers/New Climbers Outing	
Aug 28-29 th	Devil's Lake, WI
Sept 11-12 th	Devil's Lake, WI
Sept 25-26 th	Devil's Lake, WI
Oct 9-10 th	Devil's Lake, WI
Oct 23-24 th	Southern IL
For Experienced Climbers Only	
Nov 6-7 th	Red River Gorge, KY
For Experienced Climbers Only	

For additional information on these outings please contact Mike Burian, Outings Chair, at cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org

CMC Banner

Many years ago, The Club had a banner with The CMC logo embroidered on it. We used to display it at the club meetings. Some time ago, it disappeared. If anyone knows of its' whereabouts, please contact a board member. We would appreciate having it back.

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.

February 5-7th – Michigan Ice Fest, Munising, MI
http://www.downwindsports.com/ice_fest.html

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

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

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

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

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



The Ice Caves near Munising, Michigan. Photo taken during the 2009 Michigan Ice Fest. K. Gisburne

Annual Dinner Photo Contest

At this year's Annual Dinner 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.

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 trees 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.

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. If you're a new member and don't have a user name or password please contact the Vice President, Jamie Norris at cmcvicepres@cmcwebsite.org.

From:
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c/o Karen Gisburne
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Elmhurst, IL 60126

TO:

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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.

What's Happening

This Month:	
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Next Month:
March 6th CMC/AAC Annual Dinner
No General Meeting this Month!

Look inside for more information!

"You've got to be physically pretty strong and have a hard-core mental attitude. You've got to have the right mantra, dedication, a sense of security, safety and sensitivity with your partners, and a good sense of balance. It's a combination of many, many things. You need to have the capability to accept a certain amount of risk. A lot of it is maybe spiritual but not religious, and you have to have an affinity for the outdoors." -- Fred Beckey

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