



Chicago Mountaineering Club

General Meeting Schedule

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, April 9th, at 8:00 PM at the Goose Island Brewery, 1800 N Clybourn Ave., Chicago IL (312) 915-0071.

There will be no General Meeting in March due to the Annual Dinner. If you have an interest in giving a presentation this year, please contact the new Program Chair Neil Horn.

2007 CMC Annual Dinner

The annual CMC / AAC Midwest Section dinner is Saturday March 24th at the Chicago Yacht Club - Belmont Station. Don't miss it!

This year's speaker is Tom Hornbein, who will present Everest, the World's Highest Metaphor. Everest then, reflections looking back over 4+ decades; and on risk, heroes, and life.

All the details are on the registration form and also see the February newsletter. Or go to: www.cmcwebsite.org/dinner2007.

Please submit your R.S.V.P. and payment by March 10th. If you have any questions, contact Neil Horn at 773.561.5705 or cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org, or Donna Martino at 773.407.3432 or cmcvicpres@cmcwebsite.org.

See you there! Donna M.

2007 MFC Library Open House

MOUNTAINEERING FOUNDATION of CHICAGO
John Speck Memorial Library

INVITATION

There will be TWO open houses this year. To give members living outside the Chicagoland region an opportunity to visit the library, the first will be on the day of the annual dinner: Saturday, March 24th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There will be an additional open house, also open to all, on Saturday, March 31st, 2007, from 2:00 to 5:00

p.m. This for all who can't make March 24th and/or for whom one CMC event in a day is enough. There will be refreshments served at both open houses.

The address is 121 Schelter Road, Lincolnshire.

From the city, take IS 94 north, get off on Rte 22, go west. The second street left past Milwaukee Ave (IL 21 and US 45) is Schelter Road, 121 is on the left. Park in the back.

From the north side, take Milwaukee north till Rte 22, go left, second street left is Schelter Rd.

From the west, go to the TriState IS 294, north. 294 merges with 94, get off on Rte 22, as above.

The Library is owned by the Mountaineering Foundation of Chicago (MFC) and was originally held under the auspices of the Chicago Mountaineering Club (CMC). The Library has slowly grown into an impressive collection of about 3,000 books, 1,000 magazines, videos and other materials all relating to mountains and mountaineering.

What does the library have to offer?

The library materials can be grouped into a number of categories. There are Guide Books including Climbing Guides, Outdoor Guides like Hiking Guides, Biking Guides, Trail Guides, Adventure Guides, Wilderness Guides and Park descriptions. There are materials on Technique and Safety and on Natural History. Then there are mountain books, including climbing guides, from all over the world; from the USA, of course, and separate groupings on Canada, South America and Mexico, Asia, Europe, the UK, Africa, Australia and NZ, Alaska, the Arctic and the Antarctic. The library has many biographies of mountaineers.

There are handbooks and reference materials and there is a collection of video tapes. In magazines, the library has Climbing, Rock and Ice, Alpinist, American Alpine Journal, Alpine Journal (UK), Canadian Alpine Journal, and the Himalayan Journal, many going back to the first issue. Older magazines like Summit and Off Belay and others are available. There are also a number of "coffee table" books for the armchair mountaineer and there is a section on fiction.

Where did all this material come from?

It started with John Speck. He was an early club member who had begun collecting mountaineering books. He died on a climb in the Alps in 1949. His collection was donated to the club and formed the nucleus of the current library. Later, Jack Fralick, Ed Porter, Barbara Palser, Guy Everett, Barbara Heiberg, the Lumby's, Bill and Mary-Sue Coates and Jean Devaud bought books and/or housed the library. Frances Mullen kept the library for many years. After Frances, George Pokorny was the librarian and he housed the library for 25 years. He is now librarian-emeritus! George specially concentrated on adding climbing guides and reference materials and he completed many magazines to their earliest issues and collected their indexes.

Who takes care of the collection now?

George moved to Minnesota in 1995 and our member Zero Shim made space available for free in one of the office suites over his hardware store in Chicago for ten years. Pieter Fockens took over from George as librarian. In November 2004 the collection was moved to Lincolnshire where it is now housed in space at Ben Kweton's family's Sheet Metal Supply plant. Ben became co-librarian in 2004.

Pieter Fockens and Ben Kweton
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New Member Intros...

Congratulations to new members Kelli Harsch and Aaron Smith, who recently became engaged. Climbing once again bringing folks together. Shucks. Kelli and Aaron both cut their teeth climbing in the East but are now fully ensconced in the Midwest climbing scene. We're thrilled to have them as active new CMC members and climbers.

Kelli writes...

My love of climbing began with a 1999 trip to a climbing gym in the Washington, D.C. area. I frequented that gym a number of times and loved the sense of accomplishment I felt every time I made it to the top of the wall. 2001 found me in Connecticut attending law school where I didn't have a lot of luck finding climbing partners. But, fortunately for me, in 2002 I was in Chicago for the summer and discovered Devil's Lake---my first outdoor climbing! I went for a weekend with an organized group and left bruised and battered, but extraordinarily happy. When I returned to CT for the fall, I felt a renewed sense of urgency to find some climbing partners and this time I had success-- not once, but twice. I had begun climbing regularly with another graduate student in a gym when I met Aaron Smith (whose introduction is also in this newsletter). My introduction to Aaron turned out well for a number of reasons. At that time one of the biggest benefits was he had gear! This meant climbing outdoors again. We climbed together at the Gunks, Rumney, the Adirondacks(my first long multi-pitch route where I was attacked ruthlessly by black flies), Ragged Mountain, and Nova Scotia. I moved to

Chicago in 2004 and convinced Aaron to join me in 2005.

My love of climbing (and of Aaron) continues to this day and I am so excited to have found such a wonderful, welcoming group of people to climb with at Devil's Lake and elsewhere.

Aaron Smith writes...

I started climbing with regularity in 2000 when I was in graduate school in NY. Given the choice between finishing graduate school quickly or climbing, I chose climbing. I started climbing that fall at the Gunks. My first climbing partner convinced me to go to Red Rocks in the spring. My first multi-pitch climb was 10 pitches in Red Rocks and was also my first 'epic'. This climb taught me the joys of hanging belays, how to set up 6-biner rappels without headlamps in the dark, the hazards of getting ropes stuck on rappel (not once but twice), and that it is no fun to run out of water and food. Needless to say I was hooked.

I love to climb in general and have an enduring fascination for leading long trad climbs (especially ones with at least one dirty off-width). I have climbed throughout the Northeast extensively at the Gunks, and Cannon and Whitehorse in New Hampshire. Along the way I met Kelli Harsch, who endeared herself to me when I was able to convince her that she wanted to go on a multi-pitch climb with me (that line never worked before!). Given my background I *knew* that one's first multi-pitch climb should be truly miserable, so I took her on a 5 pitch climb in the 'Daks during black fly season without effective bug-spray. She survived after one hospital visit for the black fly bites, and we have been together ever since. I followed Kelli to Chicago, and was thrilled to discover a group of people that enjoyed camaraderie and climbing.

New Members

Congratulations to our newest CMC member Tony Shannon. Tony had a second reading at the February meeting. Note, there was a typo in the last email - Tony is not 'a very nice guy.' (Just kidding...)

Also, there were first readings for:

Erin Dominiak

Scott Isaacman

Erin and Scott are married and live in Libertyville. They are both sponsored by Ron Rolnicki and Donna Martino.

New members are encouraged to introduce themselves to the Club via a note in the newsletter. You can email notes to me (Rob, newsletter editor.) Photos, anecdotes, stories ... anything basically is welcome.

2007 CMC Budget

Thanks to Steve Broadie, CMC Treasurer for the 2007 budget. This was approved by the CMC Board at the February meeting. We're running at a significant

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deficit, but this is due to the one time expense of building the permanent new outhouses in 2006. For those of you who haven't had the pleasure yet, I'm sure you'll enjoy using these this year. We still have a reasonable bank balance so this budget deficit is not breaking us just yet.

Final 2007 Budget

Income

Membership Dues	5,250
Annual Dinner	5,000
Campground Fees	1,150
<u>Tee-shirts, Books, etc.</u>	<u>500</u>
Total	11,900

Expense

Administrative	300
Annual Dinner	5,000
Expeditions	300
Grounds	500
MFC farm	1,000
MFC tax gift	1,500
Monthly programs	250
Mountaineer	500
Newsletter	1,200
Outhouses	2,500
Outings	300
Sergeant-at-arms	800
Vice president	300
Website	240
<u>Yearbook</u>	<u>400</u>
Total	15,090

Notes

Mt. Rainier Climb. Ron Rolnicki is planning a trip to Washington state in May to climb Mt. Ranier via the Fuhrer Finger route with a small group. Other CMCers are invited to join in. If you have any interest please contact Ron. His phone number and email address are in the Yearbook or you can look up his contact information on the members only section of the website.

Kili Climb. Congratulations to members Jim Considine and George Naxera on their successful ascent of Mt. Kilimanjaro in February. Kili is the tallest mountain in the African continent. I think we can coax a program and article about this from them in the future. Rumor has it Denali is next for these high altitude climbers.

Member Email and Mailing addresses. We increasingly run into old email and mailing addresses when sending out newsletter and notices. If you've had any recent changes, please log into the website to check your email and mailing addresses. You have access to update these yourself. If you do not know how to log in to the members-only section, please contact Matt Mead, the club Technology guru, for directions. Thanks.

Dave Kenealy, Expedition Chair:

Great news! We have selected Tonquin Valley in Jasper National Park in the Canadian Rockies as the destination for the Western Outing. Dates remain the same from August 4th to August 12th. Everyone is encouraged to come early or stay late if they wish.

Tonquin Valley (Elevation about 6600 feet, or 2000 meters) has astounding scenery and excellent climbing and hiking. It is a truly stunning setting. While most of the Canadian Rockies are composed of sedimentary rock that is often loose or fractured, the peaks of Tonquin are mostly composed of quartzite – offering excellent protection and solid belays. And CMC members are quite good at climbing on quartzite.

There's a lot for everyone in Tonquin. Climbing, hiking and relaxing in camp. As for climbing objectives, a sampling includes Paragon Peak (3030 m) Grade I walk-up; Outpost Peak (2830 m) Grade II; and Mt Erebus, Bennington Peak, Redoubt Peak, Oubliette Mtn, and Bastion Peak – all between 2970 m and 3270 m and running from Grade III 5.4 to Grade IV 5.7. Plenty of harder stuff also. Just google PeakFinder and look under Jasper National Park.

We will meet in Canmore, Alberta on Saturday, August 4th. You will be responsible for getting there on your own, but rides from the Calgary airport can be arranged. Last time it was checked, airfare from Chicago to Calgary ran \$333.00 on Frontier Airlines. We will hike into the Tonquin Valley Sunday, which is a beautiful 13 mile hike with a modest elevation gain of 1500 feet. Takes about 6 hours plus breaks.

There are seven campsites in Tonquin, and we will be allowed a maximum party size of 10. If we get more than 10, we'll just split into two parties. Tent camping and cooking delicious meals on stoves. The cost of camping is C\$8.90 per night per person, or C\$63.00 per year. Reservations need to be made 3 months in advance for Tonquin, not earlier. So we need commitments by 4/30/07 at this point.

Once we are there, easy climbs and hikes may involve crossing snowfields or glaciers, so a snow school early in the trip will be arranged. Very experienced climbers who regularly practice self-arrest and snow travel may not be attending this school. If you wish to skip the snow school, you need to speak to the Expedition Chair before committing to this trip. The other 99% of us will need it. The location of the snow school may change the date we are walking into camp.

This shaping up to be an excellent trip, and if you wish to go, or are just thinking about it, please email Dave Kenealy at cmcexpedition@cmcwebsite.org.

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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.

2007 Outdoor Outings Schedule

All outings are open to everyone, members and nonmembers alike.

April 21-22: Palisades State Park
Savanna, Illinois
May 5-6: Devil's Lake State Park
Baraboo, WI
May 19-20: Devil's Lake
June 2-3: Devil's Lake
June 23-24: Devil's Lake – Lamb Roast (tentative)
Aug 4-5: Devil's Lake
Aug 25-26: Devil's Lake
Old Timers / New Climbers Outing
Sept 8-9: Devil's Lake
Sept 22-23: Devil's Lake
Oct 6-7: Devil's Lake
Oct 20-21: Devil's Lake
Nov 3-4: 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

2007 Indoor Outings Schedule

These are the remaining winter outings. We will meet at approximately 10am. If you'd like to join in later, there should be members showing up intermittently during the day.

March 11th: Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville
March 25th: Pizza Night
Vertical Endeavors
28141 Diehl Rd, Warrenville
10am-4pm followed by pizza
and refreshments from 4-6pm?
April 8th: Vertical Endeavors, Warrenville

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

Quote of the Month

Edward Whymper, in *The Ascent of the Matterhorn*:

"There have been joys too great to be described in words, and there have been griefs upon which I have not dared to dwell; and with those in mind I say, Climb if you will, but remember that courage and strength are nought without prudence, and that a momentary negligence may destroy the happiness of a lifetime. Do nothing in haste; look well to each step; and from the beginning think what may be the end."