



Chicago Mountaineering Club

2004 Membership Dues Renewal Reminder

As you know, the Club depends on timely receipt of Member Dues to keep current with its financial obligations. So please, if you have not already done so, send in your dues payments as soon as possible. Doing so will also ensure you continue to receive all the benefits of CMC Membership. Send your dues, made payable to Chicago Mountaineering Club, to Virginia Norton, Treasurer, 1255 N. Sandburg Terrace #807E., Chicago, IL 60610.

Outing Debrief: Ice Climbing at Montreal River

by Jamie Norris, Outings Chair

On Feb. 26th, Danny Bobrow, Virginia Norton, myself and two prospective members (Shawn Greene and Rob Stephenson) headed north from downtown Chicago, to get in some ice climbing. Twelve plus hours later, we arrived at the Mad Moose Lodge in Montreal River Harbor, a small town on the Northeast Shore of Lake Superior in Ontario, Canada.



Friday morning, after a hearty breakfast, we attended "beginner's ice climbing" school, held by Shaun Parent, on "spray ice" formed by the Lake's wave action, a mere quarter mile from the Lodge. The class was informative and well taught. We learned proper footwork in crampons, ice tool placement, up climbing, down climbing, and traversing.

After lunch, we were on our own and Danny gave us some additional instruction on ice screw placement, leading on ice, and setting up a hanging ice belay.

Saturday, we struck out on our own for a walk/snowshoe through the woods to the Montreal River reservoir. The climb along the shore we had wanted to do was in bad shape, owing to its southern exposure and the warm weather so, after Danny led it, we decided to hike back to a 60' waterfall, where others were climbing. There were two great frozen chandeliers of ice with three top ropes already set, and we all climbed until worn out.

In the evenings we enjoyed a family style dinner, a very hot sauna and roll in the snow, and a few brews. Our bunkhouse, an old prospector's log cabin, was quaint, rustic, and warm. Everyone at the lodge was very friendly and willing to help in any way possible.



Sunday morning we again went along the shore of Superior and climbed a few hours before packing up for the long haul back to Chicago.

I know I speak for the group in reporting that this was a fun and informative experience, and I look forward to getting "on ice" again in the near future!

Photo at left: The group with Danny holding "empties" left by some ice fishing party.

Photo previous page: Climber handily hacking his way up a very wet ice route in the vicinity of *Aurora Borealis*.

Professional Alpine Mountaineering Skills Training

The week of July 18th through 23rd, CMCers will converge on Mt. Baker to participate in a combination Alpine Ice Climbing and Technical Leadership Course with the American Alpine Institute. There is still room for a few participants. If you would like to join the group, please contact Virginia Norton at vnorton@rcn.com or 312-451-7320 as soon as possible. Thanks go to long-time member Stephanie Hoffman for working with the AAI to initiate the setup of this course for CMC members. We are grateful to her for laying the groundwork and doing much of the organizational grunt work for us!

Meeting Schedule

General Meetings are open to the public, and held on the **SECOND Monday** (Please note the day & location change) of each month, September through May, at Goose Island Brewery, 1800 N. Clybourn, and **begin at 8:00 pm**. Everyone is welcome. There will be a short business meeting, followed by our featured program presentation.

Date	Presenter	Topic
April 12	Olle Swartling	CMC Outings from '60's, 70's, 80's
May 10	Elizabeth Halloran	Climbing First Aid and Injury Prevention
September 13	TBA	

Outings & Activities Schedule

April 17 - 18 – Mississippi Palisades, IL	September 4 - 6 – Devil's Lake, WI
May 1 - 2 – Devil's Lake, WI	September 18 - 19 – Devil's Lake, WI
May 22 - 23 – Devil's Lake, WI	October 9 - 10 – Devil's Lake, WI
June 12 - 13 – Devil's Lake, WI	October 23 - 24 – Devil's Lake, WI
June 26 - 27 – Devil's Lake, WI	November 5 - 7 – Jackson Falls/Drapers Bluff, IL
August 14-15 – Old Timers/New Climbers Outing & Potluck Dinner, Devil's Lake, WI	

Aconcagua!

Danny Bobrow is organizing an attempt of this peak via the Normal Route. Expect to be away for two weeks. We are looking to head out the middle to end of December 2004. For more details contact Danny at 312-455-9498 or Director@ClimbForACause.org.

We lose a Member

Long-Time member John Davidge died on St. Patrick's Day. He was 83. A member since 1950, he is survived by his wife Charlotte, son Ken, sister Ann, and brother-in-law Van. He will be missed.

A request from the MFC Librarian

If anybody would care to share their copy of the 2002 Mountaineer with the MFC Library, please contact Pieter Fockens, MFC Librarian, at 847-729-6804. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER: Please submit your photos, announcements, comments or questions to Danny Bobrow at 1512 N. Fremont, Suite 102, Chicago, IL 60622, phone (312) 455-9498 or e-mail: secretary@cmcwebsite.org (100 words or less please).

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