



CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, **April 13th**, 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

Monday April 13th: **Alpine Climbing in the Tetons** presented by Rob White and Matt Haraburda.

In July 2008, Rob and Matt traveled to Wyoming, settled down at the AAC Climbers Ranch and spent a week completing some of the Teton classics including South West Ridge of Symmetry Spire, East Ridge of Disappointment Peak, and Exum Ridge of Grand Teton.

Monday May 11th: Showing of an ascent of Devil's Tower, filmed by Joe and Paul Stettner.

In preparation for the Memorial Weekend outing to Devil's Tower, come see how it was done by climbers in the past. See below for details.

If you would like to give a presentation or have any ideas for a program, please contact the Programs Chair, Keith Bielat, at cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org.

Ascent of Devil's Tower Film

Ascent of Devils Tower by two parties of The Chicago Mountaineering Club
August 1949

A 16mm film produced by Joe and Paul Stettner

The filming of the climb of Devils Tower was done with three 16mm Bolex cameras using color film. Bolex is a quality, Swiss, 16 mm movie camera for professional and advanced amateur photographers. Two cameras were used on the climb, and one camera filmed the climbing progress from the base. Over the years this film was shown at numberless club programs and narrated by Joe or Paul Stettner. Several years ago it occurred to me that a VHS copy of this film should be made and available to members from the club library, and I asked Joe if I could borrow the film to try this.

My son was working at a company doing professional commercial filming and had equipment for doing film to magnetic tape recording. They used Rank Cintel film transfer equipment to transcribe film to video format. He transferred the Stettner film to a one inch magnetic tape master, and also to VHS format.

This was fine and produced an excellent picture for television viewing. But it had a drawback, namely, there was no narration. Although there are some captions on the film it occurred to me that sound could be added to the empty audio track on the VHS tape. So I took my tape recorder to Joe's home and told him what I planned to do. I told him I would roll the film on the TV and that he should narrate the film as he would have during a club program. I stuck the mike in Joe's hand and as soon as the film began Joe started the narration cold, without any rehearsal, and it was perfect the first time. The audio tape cassette was then transferred to the VHS tape.

Years go by and recently I had the idea that another improvement could be made, and accessible to the membership. I asked my son to make a transfer from the VHS tape to digital format on a DVD. Once again he came through, and easily made several copies. A copy will be in the club library, another will go to the American Alpine Club library, another to Jack Gorby, still others will go to Joe's daughter Ginny, and one to Paul Stettner Jr.

Because the DVD format is easily transferred to a blank DVD or stored in a computer, there are no restrictions to copy this program.

I'm grateful to my son Keith and credit him for all the work he did on the project. Today all the above steps could probably be shortened.

George Pokorny

Devil's Tower Outing

In years past it was a tradition for the group to head out to Devil's Tower on Memorial Weekend. This year that outing is back. On May 23 thru May 25 the CMC will have an outing at Devil's Tower, Wyoming. The routes are multi-pitch traditional lead climbs so this outing is only for those who can lead and second trad climbs. If interested in participating in this outing please contact the Outings Chair, Mike Burian, at cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org

The Chicago Mountaineer

Thinking the newsletter is getting boring? Want to read about more climbing adventures? Well, here's your chance to help! We are looking for articles for the next issue of the Mountaineer.

The Mountaineer is a collection of writings contributed by CMC members. If you have a mountaineering, rock climbing, or ice climbing trip, you can share the experience with fellow members by submitting a trip report to the Publications Chair. Please send any articles for inclusion to the Publications Chair, Sharon Miller at cmcpublications@cmcwebsite.org.

Doesn't matter how small you think the trip was, we still want to hear about it!

CMC Annual Yearbook

Keep your eyes open for the CMC Annual Yearbook. The yearbook will be completed during the beginning of the month and should be in your mailbox by month's end.

John C Speck Memorial Library

The Library has some new books!

George Pokorny donated the following books to the John Speck Memorial Library for members to enjoy.

Miscellaneous

The Eiger Obsession: Facing the Mountain That Killed My Father, John Harlin III, 2003

High Crimes: The Fate of Everest in an age of Greed, Michael Michael Kodas, 2008

On The Roof of the Rockies, Lewis R. Freeman, 1925

Dark Summit: The True Story of Everest's Most Controversial Season, Nick Heil, 2008

Books on Mountaineering, Edward C. Porter 1959

Biography

Spirit of the Age: Royal Robbins, Pat Ament, 1992 (signed)

Boundless Horizons } one volume
I Choose to Climb } Chris Bonington, 1988
The Everest Year }

Die Trying: One Man's Quest to Conquer the Seven Summits, Bo Parfet with Richard Buskin, 2009

Total Alpinism, René Desmaison, (autobiography), 1982

Technique

Crack Climbing!, Lisa Gnade & Steve Petro, 2009

(A FALCON Guide)

Alpine Climbing: Techniques to Take You Higher
Mark Houston and Kathy Cosley, 2004

Traditional Lead Climbing, Heidi Pesterfield, 2007

Guidebooks

The Mont Blanc Range: Classic Snow, Ice and Mixed Climbs, Jean-Louis Laroche, 2006

Hiking Wyoming's Wind River Range, Rod Adkison, 1996

Guide to the Wyoming Mountains and Wilderness Areas, Orrin H. Bonney and Lorraine Bonney, 1960

Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks,
John R. White and Samuel Pusateri, 1960

Rock Climbing Minnesota and Wisconsin
Mike Ferris, 2000

Shades of Gray: An Ice Climber's Guide to Dixie,
Jim Detterline, 1990

Thanks George for the contribution!

If you would like to check out these books or any of the other good reads available please contact Pieter Fockens at 847-205-9916.

Starting to collect multiple editions of the same book? Have more guide books than places you can visit? 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 contact Pieter.

And a friendly reminder, you if still have some reading material out please arrange their safe return with Pieter. There are no fines for overdue material but there may be some sort of public punishment if returns are prolonged.

Western Outing

There has been very strong interest in the Western Outing this year. Unfortunately, we just learned that the Beartooth Wilderness Area limits group sizes to 15 people. As it stands, there are 15 people tentatively signed up to participate in the outing. If you are interested in joining the trip, please contact George Naxera right away. Any new requests will be placed on a waiting list on a first come first serve basis. There is still a good possibility of being able to participate as not everyone has submitted their registration forms yet and a couple of people are not 100% definite as of yet. For more information, contact George Naxera or Matt Haraburda at cmcexpedition@cmcwebsite.org.

Field Museum Events

There are a couple of special events this month at the Field Museum.

National Geographic Live!

Secrets of Shangri-La presented by Peter Athans

April 21st

Lecture starts at 7:30pm

Pre-registration is required.

Renowned mountaineer Peter Athans explores sites in a remote Nepalese valley that may once have inspired the legends of Shangri-La.

Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour

April 29th-30th

Film screenings start at 6pm each night

Tickets are \$10/night. There is a discount for Field Museum members. Pre-registration is required.

The featured films on Chicago stop of the World Tour are *The Red Helmet*, *Journey to the Center* (Best Film on Mountain Sports), *Patagonian Winter* (Special Jury Award), *Seasons* (Special Jury Award), *Red Gold* (People's Choice Award), *Under the Influence*, *The Sharp End: Eastern Europe*, and *Crux* (People's Choice Award for Radical Reels).

Visit the Field Museum website for additional information. Tickets for both events can be purchased online at <http://www.fieldmuseum.org>

2009 Outdoor Climbing Schedule

Got the dates marked? 28 days and counting until the first outing for the year! Time to start checking the camping equipment to make sure it survived the long winter.

Next Month:

May 2-3rd Mississippi Palisades, IL

May 23-25th Devil's Tower, WY

Experienced climbers with partners

Upcoming Outings:

June 6-7th Devil's Lake, WI

June 20-21st Devil's Lake, WI

July 4-5th Devil's Lake, WI

August 1-2nd Devil's Lake, WI

August 15-16th Devil's Lake, WI

Old Timers/New Climbers Outing

August 29-30th Devil's Lake, WI

September 12-13th Devil's Lake, WI

September 26-27th Devil's Lake, WI

October 10-11th Devil's Lake, WI

If you have any questions on any of the outings, please contact the Outings Chair, Mike Burian at cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org.

2009 Wisconsin State Park Stickers

The outdoor climbing season is quickly approaching so time to start planning. The new year means new vehicle, city stickers, and WI State Park parking stickers.

The State Park Annual pass for WI residents is \$25 or \$10 if you are a WI resident over 65. The annual pass for non-residents will be \$35 (any additional cars in a household are only \$17.50 a car). If you don't plan on visiting the parks much this year, non-residents can purchase a day pass at the park for \$10 a day.

The annual state park stickers can be purchased at park entrances, park self-pay stations, DNR service centers, online through Friends of Wisconsin State Parks, by phone or by mail order.

Additional information on WI state park admission stickers can be on the WI DNR website, <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/>

Membership Renewal Forms

Last reminder! Membership renewal forms can still be turned in.

Just update any incorrect contact information and sign the climbing waiver if you plan on climbing during an outing. Once the renewal form is complete please return it to:

Jamie Norris
7S259 Midfield Drive
Aurora, IL 60506

Please complete and return your renewal to Jamie as earlier as possible. If you need a new membership renewal form please contact Jamie Norris, the Vice President, at cmvicepres@cmcwebsite.org. If you have any other questions about your membership please contact Jamie.

Member Contact Information

Ever feel like your missing out? To 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 would like to cut back on paper waste, you can elect to get the newsletters, Mountaineer, or yearbook electronically.

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 cmvicepres@cmcwebsite.org. If you have any questions about club communications please contact the Secretary Karen Gisburne at cmsecretary@cmcwebsite.org.

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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.

What's Happening

This Month:

April 13th Board Meeting at SkrineChops
General Meeting at SkrineChops
Presentation "Alpine Climbs in the Tetons"

April 21st National Geographic Live!
Lecture "Secrets of Shangri-La"

April 29th Banff Mountain Film Festival
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Next Month:

May 2nd Outing at Mississippi Palisades, IL
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May 11th Board Meeting at SkrineChops
General Meeting at SkrineChops
DVD viewing of an ascent of Devil's Tower

May 23rd Outing at Devil's Tower, WY
May 24th Outing at Devil's Tower, WY
May 25th Outing at Devil's Tower, WY
For experienced climbers

Look inside for more information!

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