



CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, April 12th, 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

April 12th General Meeting

The next General Meeting will be May 10th. This is the last one before the summer break. Please come out and join us!

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

Letter from a Member

Some of the members we don't get to see every outing write us from time to time. The letters are read at the general meetings but here is one for everyone to enjoy.

This is from John Peirce, a decade long member and rope leader from Michigan:

"Hi Jamie, I hope this finds you well and that you had a great summer 2009 and excellent holidays as well. I've definitely missed coming up to the lake and also the last trip of the year to Jackson Falls IL and in 2010 you WILL see me at least several times. This past summer was so damn hectic and I ran out of summer before I ran out of things to do. I hope my standing as a rope leader is still good and very much look forward to seeing everyone this spring. Give everyone my best and stay warm. It's not too long now.

Warmest regards, John Peirce"

New Members

Welcome to our new members, Sally Arnold and Rob Van Houten! First readings were done at the February General meeting then they had their second readings at the March board meeting. Join me in welcoming them to the club and wishing them many years of climbing to come!

Photo Contest Winner



Congratulations to George Naxera! His picture, "Climbing out of the Clouds", was the winner in the first CMC Photo Contest. The photo was taken near the top of the Palmer Glacier on Mt Hood in 2005. Check out all of the finalist photos on our website. Thank you everyone who submitted pictures! This wouldn't have been a success without you! Keep those cameras ready on your trips. You just might capture the next winning photo!

CMC Yearbook/Membership Renewals

The 2010 Yearbook is in print. The yearbook will be going out in the next week to all current-paid members. So keep your eyes on your mail.

If you haven't sent in your membership renewal form and still want to, it is not too late. Please contact the Vice President, Jamie Norris, at cmvicepres@cmcwebsite.org for assistance.

Mississippi Palisades Outing

The first outing of the year is almost here!

Mississippi Palisades State Park is located on Rt. 84 about 3 miles north of Savanna, IL. State Rt. 64 (North Avenue for you city and suburban people), runs Chicago thru Savanna and intersects Rt. 84. Follow 84 north to the state park.

All camping is at the State Park's north entrance. The cost of staying at the State Park in a tent site is \$8-\$10. Jamie Norris will be leading the trip so when you arrive ask for where he is camping. The rangers are very good at pointing CMCers in the right direction.

We'll meet Saturday and Sunday morning before 9:00AM at the picnic shelter, just inside the Park's south entrance.

The climbing is on Limestone and the approaches are only a couple of blocks. Helmets are strongly recommended even for top rope climbing, as there is often loose rock.

The Park allows only non-alcoholic beverages so please be respectful. Savanna is close if anything is needed.

2010 Outdoor Climbing Schedule

Only one more month! So dust off those climbing shoes and find that tent. The first outing of the year is just around the corner!

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 14-15 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 5-7 th	Red River Gorge, KY
3 Day Trip, For Experienced Climbers Only	

Don't forget you will need to have a signed waiver before climbing on an outing. If you haven't filled out the waiver yet you can print one off the website and send it completed to Jamie or bring with you to your first outing. For additional information on the outings please contact Mike Burian, Outings Chair, at cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org

Campground Work Day

In preparation for the new climbing season we are going to have a Spring Work Day May 8th to get the campground ready for the first Devil's Lake outing. This will be a chance to clean up debris around the campground, regravell the road and paths, collect firewood, and complete any other work that is needed. The plan is to work all day Saturday then climb on Sunday. Any member interested in lending a hand, come on up!

2010 CMC Budget

The CMC Board of Directors has approved the Club's 2010 budget, and for the first time (I think) we are publishing it to the general membership in the Newsletter. The major difference from past budgets is the \$4,000 expense item for a donation to the Mountaineering Foundation of Chicago to build a shed on the MFC's campground at Devil's Lake. The shed will be used to store the lawnmower and other equipment that is necessary for the upkeep of the campground, and this is a one-time expense.

If you have any comments or questions about the budget, please contact Treasurer Steve Broadie at 847-290-1342 or cmctreasurer@cmcwebsite.org.

Category	Amount (\$)
Income	
Membership	3000
Annual Dinner	4000
Campground Fees	1800
Sergeant-at-arms	800
Miscellaneous	
Total Income	9600

Expenses	
Administrative	300
Annual Dinner	4000
Bench Committee	500
Conservation	
Expeditions	
Grounds	500
Membership/VP	300
MFC Shed Donation	4000
Monthly programs	250
Mountaineer	500
Newsletters	1300
Outings	1200
Safety	250
Sergeant-at-arms	800
Technology	240
Yearbook	500
Dave Ireland Fund	
Total Expenses	14640

Net Income	- 5040
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Colorado Trip

Andy Ashta, Jim Considine, Al Graber, George Naxera and Jason Weinberg made a winter ascent of Mt Bierstadt in CO on March 14th. The group planned to climb Long's Peak but unfortunately the avalanche risk was too great that week, so they opted for Mt Bierstadt instead. They had to drive an extra 3 hours to get to their campsite due to a road closure. As a result they ended up pitching their tents at 2am. Three out of the five made the summit the next day, which is not a bad accomplishment when you consider they only had 5 hours of sleep, and went from an elevation of 700ft to 14K in less than 24 hours. The climb itself was 9 miles round trip, mostly on snowshoes, and took about 11 hours. Congratulations to both Andy and Jason who bagged their first CO 14er...!



Jason Weinberg, George Naxera, and Andy Ashta on the summit of Mt. Bierstadt. Photo courtesy of G. Naxera.

CMC Climber's Cabin in RMNP

Long time CMC member Jack Gorby has made his old miner's cabin ("The Honemeisterhuetten") bordering on Rocky Mountain National Park (SE corner a 100 yards from the Wild Basin entrance to the Park) available to the Mountaineering Foundation of Chicago. The MFC in turn is making the cabin available on a one-year trial basis to the CMC and its members for use as a base camp for alpine and other climbing ventures. If the cabin is well maintained and cared for and the neighbors well respected, this one-year "experiment" may be extended for the indefinite future.

The founders of the CMC envisaged the club as a mountaineering club and local climbing areas as a place to "practice for the mountains." For very understandable reasons, the CMC has morphed over the ensuing 70 years into more of a rock-climbing club. During founder Jack Fralick's last days he complained about this. Bill Yowell, an old time member, moved to Colorado and eventually resigned from the CMC for this reason. While Jack

sees traditional mountaineering and rock and sport climbing as complementary, his motivation for making his cabin available to the MFC and indirectly to the CMC is to encourage within the Club traditional mountaineering that, of course, often involves challenging rock routes. Climbs of this nature are nearly without limit in the Park. To name just a few: Stettner Ledges, routes on the Petit Grepon, Sharkstooth, and Halletts. He wishes to dedicate this "cabin-experiment" to the memory of the CMC's charter members and their mountaineering vision.

The cabin is located on the giant Meeker Ridge of Mt. Meeker, which is part of the Longs Peak massif. It is possible to start climbs of Meeker and Longs from the South by just walking out the door. In fact, the original route up Longs was launched from Sand Beach Lake, a five-mile hike up the Sand Beach Lake Trail that starts 100 yards from the cabin. In terms of solid rock routes, high mountains and great spring alpine climbing, RMNP is probably the best climbing area in the country. And it's only 1100 miles from Chicago.

The cabin itself is two rooms and a loft that can sleep one or two persons. There is a "hide-a-bed" in the living room and carpeting on the floor for "comfy bivouacking." It could handle up to six persons. Others could squeeze in or camp in the back, as many climbers have done. There is a kitchen with a gas stove and a sink without running water. Four five-gallon cans can be filled up in nearby Allenspark & function well as a source of water for the sink. And there is a "stinkless privy" outside the cabin. Being contemplated is the building of a shed with four or six bunks, similar to the bunk houses at the AAC Climbers Ranch in the Tetons.

The CMC and MFC are working on a protocol for using the cabin. A draft version is now available and can be obtained from Dave or Jamie. They as well as Jack are available for questions. To avoid conflicts, one must first reserve the cabin and agree to the conditions of the protocol. The MFC also hopes that those taking advantage of this opportunity will make a fair and reasonable gift to the MFC.

Member Contact Information

To stay informed with what is going on in the club; please keep your contact information current. You can update your contact info and communication preference on the website under My Membership.

New members please contact the Vice President, Jamie Norris, at cmcvicepres@cmcwebsite.org for username and password. If you have difficulties logging in please contact the Technology Chair, Matt Sickler, at cmctechnology@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

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