



# CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The next CMC General Meeting will be **Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at 8:00 PM at the Goose Island Brewery**, 1800 N Clybourn Ave., Chicago IL (312) 915-0071. There will be a CMC Board Meeting at 6:30 immediately preceding the General Meeting.

General Meetings are open to the public and held on the second Monday of each month, September through May. Everyone is welcome.

## 2005 Outings Schedule

Following are the Outing dates and locations:

- May 21-22:** Devil's Lake  
Rock Self Rescue Workshop, Sun  
(If sufficient interest.)
- June 11-12:** Devil's Lake  
Glacier Travel/Rescue Workshop, Sun
- June 25-26:** Devil's Lake  
Glacier Travel/Rescue Workshop, Sun  
(If needed.)
- July 17-22:** *Western Outing*  
*Bugaboos, British Columbia*
- Aug 13-14:** Devil's Lake  
Old Timers/New Climbers Outing
- Aug 27-28:** Devil's Lake
- Sept 10-11:** Devil's Lake
- Sept 24-25:** Devil's Lake
- Oct 8-9:** Devil's Lake
- Oct 22-23:** Devil's Lake
- Nov 5-6:** Shawnee National Forest  
Jackson Falls/Draper's Bluff

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact our Outings Chair Jamie Norris.

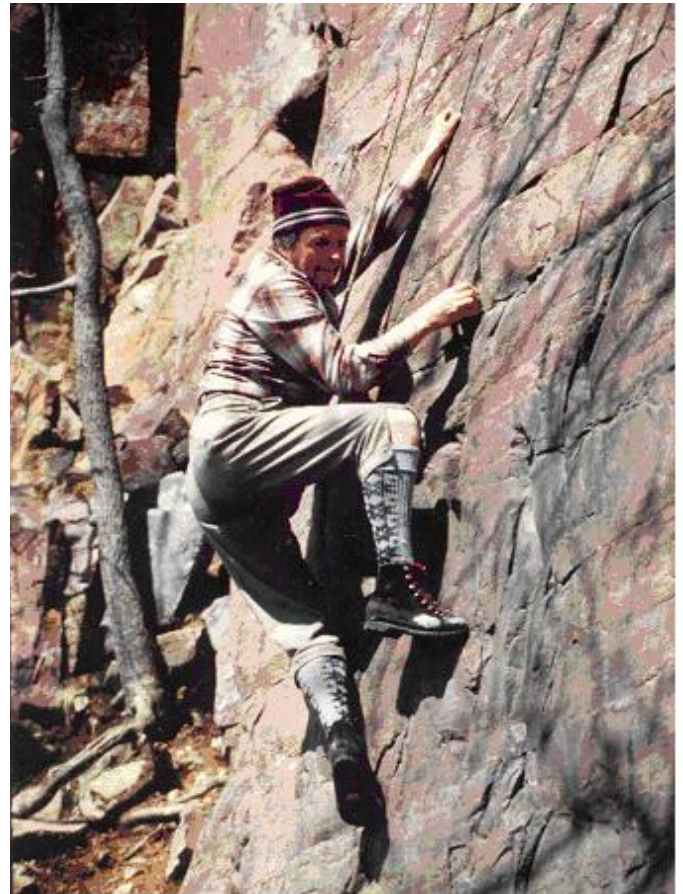
## Old Timers / New Climbers Outing

**Saturday-Sunday, August 13-14<sup>th</sup>.**

*Of special note:*

This Memorial Day marks **Olle Swartling's 50<sup>th</sup> year** climbing at Devil's Lake. He first wandered into the park on a trip with the American Youth Hostel Organization in 1955 and started climbing with the CMC later that year. For much of that fifty years Olle has led literally generations of CMC climbers to all corners of the park, pioneered many new areas to climb, and made scores of first ascents.

You can still find him at the park every weekend in season when not on trips to the mountains. For many new members, Olle and Devil's Lake are intertwined, but he's a mountaineer first and has had a long career leading exploratory mountaineering expeditions in Canada, Alaska, the Wind River Range and Peru. Congratulations on this milestone anniversary, Olle, and thanks.



(Olle, early 80s, on the thin start to Red Pulpit)

And can you believe it? Somehow **Rod Harris's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** climbing with the CMC was missed. Rod met Paul Stettner in 1953 in Chicago at Maurice Herzog's slide show of the first ascent of Annapurna (with Herzog's hands still in bandages from their historic climb...), and started climbing with the Club that summer. Rod has a love for the mountains and

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climbing that belies his Midwestern roots. He is from and still lives in downstate Illinois, but back in the 1950s he spent several summers working at the lodge in Estes Park just to be close to Rocky Mountain National Park. You might have friends who do this sort of thing now, but it was not a regular occurrence back then. Later Rod was a climbing leader for the CMC, and also the Iowa Mountaineers, on trips to the Tetons, RMNP, the Wind River Range and the Canadian Rockies. Rod also has a strong bond with Devil's Lake and still makes frequent trips up to the campground on that long road from Sullivan. There was a big 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary party for Rod at the Lake in 1993, but we're past due for his 50<sup>th</sup>.

**Bill and Mary Sue Coates** are also celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** as CMC members this year. They joined the Club together in 1955 and were active climbers for many decades. Bill and Olle Swartling were among the early climbers to reach the summit of several major North American mountains, having together climbed the West Buttress on Mt. McKinley in 1967 and Mt. Robson in 1971 (along with Pete Cleveland and Jim Hagan.) Bill and Mary Sue went on many CMC Western Outings together including the Wind River Range, the San Juans, and the Canadian Rockies. Bill also climbed with the Iowa Mountaineers in Peru and Ecuador. Though it has been a few years since they gave up technical climbing, they've stayed active on treks throughout the world including in Nepal, Patagonia, and New Zealand.

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Please come to the Old Timers/New Climbers Outing, August 13-14, and help celebrate Olle, Rod, Bill, and Mary Sue's 202 years in climbing and with the CMC.

Thanks to a odd donation last year the Club received, gratis, twenty cases of wine leftover from an unrelated Field Museum event. (The ghost of Hagan must somehow be responsible?) We couldn't let it go to waste, so we will have wine and a wine punch for those of you staying in the campground and at least 21 years old. We hope to also serve a main dish – brats, burgers, hotdogs, etc. (TBD.) Please bring a dish to pass, chips, cheese, dessert, whatever you'd like.

If you're a long time member and haven't been to the campground in recent years, here is an ideal opportunity to stop in and get reacquainted. If you're new to the CMC, please come and meet some of the members who have long formed the foundation of our club and on whose shoulders we stand.

## Annual Dinner Report

*Donna Martino and the Dinner Committee*

On Saturday evening, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, nearly 100 CMC and AAC Midwest Chapter members and guests descended on the beautifully renovated Chicago Yacht Club at

Belmont Harbor for an evening filled with good cheer, great food, a stunning presentation and some of the cheapest gear ever!

Guests arrived at 5:30 for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, greeted by Dave Ireland, Aimee Edwards and Julia Leffelman, who also sold raffle tickets and handed out CMC membership cards. With the view of the skyline surrounding us, and the Illinois game on the TV in the bar, it was the perfect setting to relax and catch up with old friends and make new ones.

You couldn't miss the 10' screen at the opposite side of the room. This was because James Booth, AAC member, volunteered his time and energy to transport, erect and tear down the screen and sound system so we could all clearly see and hear our guest speaker. Thanks so much James!

Dinner was served a little later than planned, but this gave everyone a chance to preview the plethora of items available in the raffle and silent auction. Kathy Koch helped Dave and me sell tickets. Thanks Kathy!

I. Now we're really getting high!  
Our guest speaker, Gerry Roach, presented his Northern Heights show, which showcases his North American climbing adventures on the continent's highest peaks spanning several decades. His love and passion for the mountains came through as he told the stories of each ascent. "It's not the list, it's the Love," he says. Through his slides, video and stories, we learned a little bit about each mountain. Gerry's breathtaking photos, personal video and entertaining stories were a great insight into the dedication and determination it takes to summit these highest peaks in North America! Thanks, also, to Jack Gorby for his heartfelt introduction to Gerry.

You can read more about Gerry on his Web site [www.climb.mountains.com](http://www.climb.mountains.com). If you couldn't attend or didn't get a chance to purchase his books, you can do so on his site.

II. Raffle/Silent Auction.  
After Gerry's presentation, it was late, so we quickly read the names of the silent auction winners, and then read off raffle ticket numbers. The crowd had thinned out a little, which increased the chances for those who stuck around. It paid off for the big winner of the evening - Steve Capps - whose raffle ticket was the 2<sup>nd</sup> one called for The North Face Expedition 36 Tent, worth \$579. Congrats Steve! Other big winners were Aimee Edwards with the Access Fund rope raffle. (Editor: Sorry, Aimee, but no more excuses to carry a tiny pack and never set up a top-rope.) And Scott Murray swooped in from CO to win the 70m PMI rope.

We raised several hundred dollars for The Access Fund in memberships, donations, and a rope raffle. Thanks Jamie Norris for managing that!

We also had a last minute addition to our dinner. Justin, from Outward Bound, was there to spread the

good word of Outward Bound and donate a class for the silent auction.

A super huge thanks goes to all of the companies who donated items to our raffle and silent auction. This was my first year helping with the dinner and I am amazed at the generosity of these companies. I estimate the value of all the items to be close to, if not over \$5,000. We had about four long tables filled with clothing, gear, books, classes and magazine subscriptions, all donated to help us raise money for our organizations. A list of these companies will be posted on our Web site at [www.cmcwebsite.org](http://www.cmcwebsite.org). Please support these companies, so they'll keep supporting us!

Historically annual dinners do not break even. On this dinner, for the first time in years, we made a slight profit of about \$200 which the club will use for general operating expenses.

### III. Special Thanks.

John, CYC general manager and chef, saw to our every need - from room set up to pens for the auction, which apparently is a tradition for us to forget, and on top of all of this, he and his staff prepared a delicious meal. How about that apple pie? Thanks to him and his staff for all their help and attention to detail.

### Talk of the CMC

Greetings again everyone and welcome to the climbing season. It's shaping up to be an interesting year for the CMC with lots of members planning summer trips and a number who climbed this spring.

First off, I'd like to welcome Donna Martino as our new Conservation Chair. She's been a valuable asset to the Club this year, and we're delighted to have her officially join the Board.

#### *Members active this spring...*

Stephanie Hoffman was climbing ice in Colorado in March with Richard Jurin and Alex Andrews. She's currently on a rafting trip through Canyonlands NP, and then returns to CO for more ice climbing in May.

Dan Czolek was sharpening his skills at the Ouray Ice Park in Colorado for a week in late February. He reports, "The weather was warm and the ice was fat." Or, Dan, do you mean phat? Dave Kenealy was also at the Ouray Ice Park later in the spring.

Demetry Eremin was ice climbing in New England early this year and has some interesting plans for the summer: Mt. Ranier over Memorial Day and Peru (Quebrada Ishinca area) over 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Dave Ireland and George Naxera made an ascent of Oregon's Mt. Hood in early April. They found fairly moderate climbing, but difficult weather conditions with cold temps and high winds on the way up, and a white-out on the way down. They say the top 1000

feet of the mountain is very beautiful with interesting snow and crystal formations.



Southside of Mt. Hood, by G.Naxera, on 4/9/2005.

In mid-April I climbed in Colorado with Alex Andrews and Scott Murray. Alex and I spent a couple of gorgeous days in Eldorado Canyon on Ruper, Touch 'n Go, and Rewritten. Leading Rebuffat's Arete (the pillar that serves as the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch of Rewritten), 400 or 500 feet off the deck with deep blue skies and swifts swooping around was a big highlight for me. Also did some nice routes with Scott in Eldorado, and we climbed the six pitch North Ridge of the First Flatiron.

There was a pretty fair CMC contingent at the Banff Mountain Film Festival in April. Bill Dietrich, Donna Martino, myself, and Walt House went together. We ran into Ron Rolnicki and Ben Kweton (with other very tall folks) at the door, and Teresa Schudrowitz wandered over later. Steve Capps was also present. Amazing how many mountain fans there are in the Chicago area, all with their spiffy soft shells and slick gore-tex jackets, and how few of them have discovered the CMC. Alas.

#### *Many members have plans for the summer...*

In June, Jack Gorby, Ron Rolnicki, and company will be climbing technical 14ers in Colorado. Dave Kenealy is off to France to climb in Chamonix. Lucky guy. Phil Patz is going to Alaska to climb the great one, Denali. I'm off to climb some alpine classics in the Tetons with Ryan Eddingfield. In July we of course have the Western Outing to the Bugaboos, BC. Olle and Sue will be in South Wind River Range later in the month. Then Jamie Norris and Jim Considine are going into the North Wind River Range for Gannett and other peaks in August. George Naxera also has Gannett, possibly Moran, and Sierra summits in his sights this summer. We might also have a gang heading to Devil's Tower.

Heard from some 'old timers' recently. Jack Curtin, former CMC president and member since '64, sends his regards. He lives in Vienna now and started a climbing group for the English speaking community there. He is

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trying to help Dave Kenealy find a climbing partner for his trip to the Alps in June.

Also got a nice letter from William Primak. It's been 36 years since he gave up mountaineering, but he's still connected to the CMC and has been a member since 1948. Bill led Stettner Ledges on Longs in 1966 right after a trip to the interior range of Canada. The following year he went on what sounds like a dream CMC road trip. He, Bill Widule and Jim Hagan drove to British Columbia and climbed Snowpatch and Bugaboo Spires with lovely weather for four days. Then when the weather deteriorated they drove down to the Tetons and climbed the Grand and the CMC Route on Moran. Then finally they stopped in Eastern Wyoming on the way home and climbed Devil's Tower. Bill had some trouble with his hip joints which ended his climbing career a few years after that '67 trip, but he took up ballroom dancing which still keeps him busy and happy to this day.

Hope to see you all at the Old Timers / New Climbers Outing, August 13-14<sup>th</sup>, at the Lake. Should be lots to talk about with all the climbing trips this summer. It promises to be a great mass gathering and lots of fun.

Warm regards,  
Rob White

#### In Memory

It is with great sadness that we report Earl Clarke lost his wife Betty of 57 years on January 27th of this year. Earl, of course, is a charter member of the Chicago Mountaineering Club and lives in Littleton, Colorado.

Earl, our deepest sympathies go out to you.

#### Editor's Choice

In climbing, "there is one fundamental sensation which is always there, permeating this multiplicity of details, positions, situations, and movements: the sensation of being in equilibrium – the sense of balance and the conscious cultivation of it."

-Gaston Rebuffat

#### First Aid Course

**Wilderness First Aid Course.** Interested? It would be a 16-24 hour course taught over a 2 or 3 day weekend this fall. We would bring in a professional instructor for a CMC members course. The estimated cost is about \$80-\$90 per person, half the normal rate. If you'd like to participate or hear more about this, please contact Jim Considine at [cmcsergeant@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcsergeant@cmcwebsite.org).