



CHICAGO MOUNTAINEERING CLUB

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, May 11th, 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 May 11th: Showing of an ascent of Devils Tower, filmed by Joe and Paul Stettner. In preparation for the Memorial Weekend outing to Devils Tower, come see how Devils Tower was climbed by climbers of the past. See below for details.

This is the last meeting for the spring! Meetings will resume in September.

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

ASCENT OF DEVILS 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 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 transferable to a blank DVD or 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

DEVILS TOWER OUTING

In years past, it was a tradition for the club to head out to Devils Tower on Memorial Weekend. This year that outing is back. May 23 thru May 25 the CMC will have an outing at Devils 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

2009 OUTDOOR CLIMBING SCHEDULE

The first outing of the year is here!

This Month:

May 2-3rd	Mississippi Palisades
May 23-25th	Devil's Tower, WY

Experienced climbers with partners

Next Month:

June 6-7th	Devil's Lake, WI
June 20-21st	Devil's Lake, WI

Upcoming Outings:

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 the outdoor climbing schedule, please contact the Outings Chair, Mike Burian at cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org.

Members, if you are looking for more time at the lake don't forget you can use the campground on off weekends with paid campground fees. Don't worry if your schedule does not quite coincide with the outings. Come up anytime and see who's around.

MISSISSIPPI PALISADES OUTING

Here's what you need to know for the first outing.

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 sight is around \$8-\$10. Jamie Norris plans to arrive early Fri. afternoon and will ask the ranger to inform any climbers where the CMCers are. So when you arrive be sure to ask the ranger to point you in the right direction.

We'll meet Sat. and Sun. mornings before 9:00AM at the pavilion, just inside the Park's south entrance.

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

Savanna is close for those who don't want to cook. The Park allows only kid-friendly beverages so please watch the beer.

LOCAL EVENTS

Erehwon Outdoor Adventure Expo

Saturday May 2nd from 10am-6pm
Sunday May 3rd from 11am-5pm
Bannockburn Green Shopping Center
2585 Waukegan Road, Bannockburn, IL

The Expo will feature speakers Freddie Wilkinson (Gonzo Style Alpinism), Zangrilli (Alpine Traveling; Slovenia to K2), and Doug Dvorak (Antarctica and Kilamonjaro).

In 2007, alpinist Freddie Wilkinson established new routes on three different mountains on three different continents: Patagonia's Cerro Poincinot, The Fin in Alaska, and Mount Mahindra in the Indian Himalaya. That year the American Alpine Club recognized his accomplishment with the Robert Hicks Bates Award for outstanding accomplishment by a young climber.

Company reps that will be around to answer product questions include The North Face, Marmot, Eagle Creek, Sierra Designs, Merrell, Mountain Hardwear, Osprey, Kelty, Keen and Asolo. There will be clinics and demos for backpacking, kayaking, water purification, stoves and cooking, and Nordic walking.

REI Oakbrook Terrace Event

Thursday May 21st at 7pm

Speaker Bo Parfet presents

"Die Trying: Quest to Conquer the Seven Summits"

At 29 years old Kalamazoo native Bo Parfet, accomplished a feat few have done. On May 17, 2007, he became the 80th person to climb all eight seven summits when he reached the summit of Everest. His quest started in 2003 as the Wall Street investment banker took on the challenge of climbing the high points on every continent.

For more on Bo's biography check out his website at <http://www.boparfet.com/boparfet/>

2009 WISCONSIN STATE PARK STICKERS

Don't forget to get you new sticker!

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. 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/>

THE CAMPGROUND

Now that warm weather is coming around, climbers are venturing to the outdoors. A few have made their way up to Devil's Lake and the campground. Burma Road is clear of the snow and the campground is accessible for camping. The grounds survived the winter but there are a few things worth mentioning.

The road has been eroding away over the year and work will be done over the coming weeks to deal with the ruts. Please use caution when driving on and pulling off the road. With the rainy spring, the grass area will be soft so keep the cars close to the road to avoid getting them stuck. Burma Rd was repaved with more stones that blew out few tires last year so drive carefully. And lastly, it is reported the outhouse smells much better (thanks Todd!).

Keep an eye out for the improvements that are planned for the campground this year!

BOOK DONATION TO JOHN C SPECK LIBRARY

The 2nd edition of Climbing: Training for Peak Performance, by Clyde Soles (The Mountaineers Books) was recently published and donated to the CMC by the publisher. The book focuses on performance training, conditioning, nutrition and overall good health practices.

Pieter Fockens has written a book review, which will be published in the Chicago Mountaineer.

The book is available to CMC members through the CMC Library.

JOHN C SPECK MEMORIAL LIBRARY

It's spring clean time at the library. Our librarian Pieter Fockens has put together a list of duplicate books that are for sale for pennies on the dollar. If you would like to see the list of books for sale please contact Pieter at 847-205-9916.

A friendly reminder to all borrowers, you if still have some reading materials in your possession; please arrange their safe return to the library. The items can be returned to the library directly, bring them to the May meeting, or mail to Pieter by 'media mail'. If you have any questions about returning library materials please contact Pieter at 847-205-9916.

If you feel like you're creating 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.

THE CHICAGO MOUNTAINEER

Think the newsletter is boring? Want more climbing adventures to read? Well, you can help! We're 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.

ANNUAL DINNER WRAP-UP

It was another successful year for the Annual Dinner. Skip Yowell captivated those in attendance with stories of his travels and how that built and influenced JanSport over the years. We heard about the successes and the not so successful creations that were inspired and field tested by Skip and his companions. Afterwards Skip tested our attentiveness with trivia questions and prizes.

We had the pleasure of raising donations for The Big City Mountaineers this year. A 3-person tent was auctioned off and a total of \$380 was raised with the winning bid and a matching donation from the CMC.

Other items were raffled and auctioned off ranging from magazine subscriptions to clothing and footwear to an AAI trip. The prized item for the evening was a climber cake topper which was auctioned off live.

With the Annual Dinner wrapped up for this year, we are reflecting on how things went and discussing ways to improve the dinner next year. In the coming months, stay tuned to the newsletter and website for farther information. And kept your camera handy on your climbs, it may be useful down the road.

WILDERNESS FIRST AID

On the last two Saturdays of February, 16 people braved snow and cold to gather at Jamie Norris' work to be educated or re-educated the techniques of Wilderness and Delayed Help First Aid. The American Red Cross instructor, Victoria, had the challenging task of teaching all the important information, evaluating our ability to better a crisis situation, and answering all the interesting questions that came up. After 16 hours of lecture, group discussion, hands-on practice, role play and a test, everyone received their certification for Wilderness First Aid.

For the next few years this individuals will hold the Wilderness First Aid Certification: Keith Bielat, Steve Broadie, Jason Cook, Jim Considine, Todd Cornilsen, John Dolak, Kevin Fields, Karen Gisburne, Chris Gregory, Sue Gregory, Lisa Greyhill, George Naxera, Jamie Norris, Phil Patz, Matt Sickler, and Tom Wolos. So if you're wondering what items should be in a first aid kit or how plastic bags are useful in survival situations just ask any one of these individuals.

MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

To make sure you stay up-to-date with what is going on in the club, please keep your contact information 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 need a new password 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 contact the Vice President, Jamie Norris, at cmcvicepres@cmcwebsite.org. If you have any questions about club communications contact the secretary, Karen, at cmcsecretary@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:

- May 2nd Outing at Mississippi Palisades, IL
 Erehwon's Outdoor Adventure Expo
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- May 25th Outing at Devils Tower, WY
 For experienced climbers

Next Month:

- June 6th Outing at Devil's Lake, WI
- June 7th Outing at Devil's Lake, WI
- June 20th Outing at Devil's Lake, WI
- June 21st Outing at Devil's Lake, WI

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