



# Chicago Mountaineering Club

## General Meeting Schedule

General Meetings are held at 8:00 PM at the Goose Island Brewery, 1800 N Clybourn Ave., Chicago IL (312) 915-0071. CMC Board Meetings are held at 6:30, immediately preceding the General Meetings.

October 10<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 pm. Climbing in Chamonix by Dave Kenealy. Ah, Chamonix, birthplace of alpinism. Home to Rebuffat, Terray, and Charlet.



Dave Kenealy on the Cosmique Arete above Chamonix.

Please join us for a presentation on the climbing trip Dave Kenealy took to the Chamonix region this past June. Dave summited on four classic climbs in his 8

days there that covered the whole spectrum of alpine challenges: rock, snow, ice, and glaciers. Dave is a long-time CMCer and alpinist who took a break from climbing for a few years to raise children with his wife, but he is back in action now.

November 14<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM: TBD.

(A little early for notification, but it's possible Fred Beckey will be passing through Chicago in November and will give a presentation at the November General Meeting. As of this printing it is not yet set.)

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM: TBD.

Many thanks to Donna Martino for taking on the Programs Chair position. We'll have more information on up-coming programs in the November newsletter. If you are interested in presenting a program please contact Donna at [cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcprograms@cmcwebsite.org).

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

CMC Board Meeting Minutes are available to members on the club website. Everyone is encouraged to stay informed and get involved. If you don't know how to log in, please contact the webmaster at [cmcwebmaster@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcwebmaster@cmcwebsite.org).

Thanks to Olle Swartling for his presentation on climbs in Peru at the May meeting, and to George Naxera for his presentation on climbing Mt. Hood with Dave Ireland at the September meeting.

## Winter Climbing Practice

Thanks to Chris Young for the following...

(To the tune of "Christmas is Coming")  
 Winter is Coming, the Glacier's getting Fat!  
 Please put a biner in the Nordic hat!  
 If you have been glacier climbing  
 Come and join us tooooooo  
 If you haven't practiced self arrested

then you should too...

Join the CMC Winter climbing team. Come along to learn, practice, and have some fun. We are going to venture to the Indiana Dunes National Park to practice and discuss many Winter Mountaineering Techniques. We can choose among:

Ice Axe Use  
Self Arrest  
Rope Handling & Mountaineering Knots  
Glacier Travel  
Snow Anchors / Belays  
\*Prussiking and ascending devices  
\*Escaping from the belay  
Pulley Systems  
Crevasse Rescue  
Cramponing-French Technique / German Technique  
Fixed Lines & Running Belays  
Glacier Camps / Perimeters

For those of you intrigued by learning or practicing a lot of glacier technique over a wonderfully cold weekend give us a call. Leaders are Chris Young, Jamie Norris, Ben Kweton, and Matt Mead. More leaders are welcome. Group size is limited.

When: January 6-7<sup>th</sup> or 13-4<sup>th</sup>, depending on proper conditions.

Friday Night: 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Lecture & Practice

Saturday: 8 AM (we leave Chicago) - 4PM?

Plan on being in the elements all day Saturday. We will most likely end the day at a local Pizza Joint in NW Indiana.

Where: Indiana Dunes National Seashore & a Chicago location for the Friday night lecture.

Who: Open to CMC members, and your accompanied guests (prior conversation required)

Who should come: If you have the gear, or a desire to brush up on your skills, or just want to learn. (If you do not have the gear, we might have some to share, but you must arrange this in advance.)

How to sign up:

Email (or call) Chris Young at [chryoung@cisco.com](mailto:chryoung@cisco.com) or Jamie Norris at [climb4953@yahoo.com](mailto:climb4953@yahoo.com).

You will need layered cold weather clothing, your own crampons fitted for your boots, ice tools, ice axe, harness that fits over your cold weather gear, 2 locking carabiners, 3 oval carabiners, ascenders or Prussiks (or 30' of cord to make them), and gloves & glove liners. You also need to bring your own personal food & water for the day – make sure you have a water bottle parka – and a foam sit/sleeping pad. We will have a gear review prior to the weekend, date to be set. Also bring

some money for the pizza, and to buy your leaders a soda afterwards.

## February Follies

Also from Chris Young:

Feb Follies is "ON". Save the date and plan to take the holiday as a 3 day climbing weekend.

Since February 20<sup>th</sup> is Presidents Day, please mark your calendars for Feb 18-19-20 2006. More details will come shortly.

The group is leaning toward traveling North again to the Michigan U.P./Canada area for a bit of Ice Climbing. If interested, or if you have questions, please call or email Jamie Norris or Chris Young.

## Library News

Pieter Fockens, Librarian:

The John Speck Memorial Library has acquired many new books and videos/dvds. Among them are:

Climbing Anchors and More Climbing Anchors by John Long.

Colorado's Indian Peaks, Colorado's Fourteeners, Colorado's Thirteeners, and Transcendent Summits, all by Gerry Roach.

Climbing Ice by Yvon Chouinard.

Clean Walls by Jeff Lowe.

Between a Rock and a Hard Place by Aron Ralston.

Self-Rescue by David Fasulo.

Mind Over Matter, The Epic Crossing of the Antarctic Continent by Ranulph Fiennes.

And many more. To see a complete listing call Pieter or Ben.

We also are in need of back copies of the CMC Yearbook (1986, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2003) and of the 2002 issue of the Chicago Mountaineer. If you have any of these issues and are willing to part with them, call Pieter (847-729-6804, anytime) or Ben (847-478-8500, daytime).

## New Member

Welcome to our newest member Will Nash. Will's second reading was at the September board meeting, and he was unanimously approved for membership. Will might be our youngest member at 20. He is Deborah Kujbida's son, and has been climbing at Devil's Lake since the mid-90s. Will recently returned from a trip to Colorado with Ron Rolnicki where they climbed routes in Lumpy Ridge and the Flatirons. He also likes to ice climb and scuba dive. And Ron sent in

a shameless plug for him: Will is self-employed and owner of Nash and Company Painting, 847-644-1820. If any of you are in need of a painter, give him a call.

### Arlene Blum Presentation

Thanks to Donna Martino for sending in the following:

Arlene Blum, who presented at a past CMC annual dinner, will be in Chicago in October to promote her new book *Breaking Trail: A Climbing Life*. This dramatic memoir follows Blum, a pioneering mountaineer and scientist, from her over-protected childhood in Chicago to the summits of some of the world's most challenging peaks.

Blum has played a groundbreaking role in women's mountaineering. Best known for leading the first American—and all-women's—ascend of Annapurna I, considered one of the world's most dangerous and difficult mountains, Blum also led the first women's team up Mt. McKinley; was the first American woman to attempt Mt. Everest; and has played a leading role in more than twenty mountain expeditions worldwide. She made the first traverse of the Great Himalaya Range of Bhutan, Nepal and India and hiked the length of the European Alps with her baby daughter on her back.

*Annapurna: A Woman's Place*, written by Blum, has inspired tens of thousands of readers over the past 25 years. *Fortune* magazine selected it as one of "75 books that teach you everything you really need to know about business" and *National Geographic Adventure* magazine included it in list of the "hundred best adventure books of all time."

Read more about Arlene Blum on her web site at [www.arleneblum.com](http://www.arleneblum.com).

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11:30 Book Signing  
12:00 Lunch  
12:20 Presentation & Q&A  
Cost for the lunch is \$25  
For reservations call 847-446-8880.

### Recent Outings

Jamie Norris, Outings Chair:

September 10-11th outing at Devil's Lake –  
It was a nice, rather warm, and muggy weekend. We had 21-23 climbers both days and went out in one large group both days. On Saturday we went to Tree Tower on the West Bluff and set up many climbs. On Sunday we all went to the Misery Rocks/Pantry area. We had several new climbers join us for the weekend.

September 24-25th outing at Devil's Lake –  
It was a beautiful fall day on Friday, and Saturday started out looking good. We had 15 climbers and all went to the East Bluff at Minor Mass. This area was a little hard to find and had some tricky setups. We had at least 8 ropes up and most climbers were on or had just finished their first climb when it started to rain in the early afternoon. We all tore down our setups and that was the end for the day. Saturday night it rained and never dried up Sunday. A few of us took a hike Sunday morning down to the bouldering area, 1/2 mile south of our campground, to check it out. The weather forecast was poor and the campground was cleared out by noon. Let's hope for good weather in October when the fall colors will be beautiful.

### CMC Website FYIs

Did you know that you can communicate with other CMC members easily by using the CMC website? ([www.cmcwebsite.org](http://www.cmcwebsite.org)) After logging into the secured, member only section, you can search for members by first name, last name, or city. This will give you individual member contact information.

Another way to communicate with fellow members is by using the on-line discussion groups. The discussion groups are available from the "Member to Member > Discussion Groups" menu selection on the CMC website.

In the Discussion Group section, there are 4 forums: Climber's Cafe, Gear for Sale, Looking for a Partner, and Carpooling. Climber's Cafe is intended for general conversations and discussions. Gear for Sale is intended for members looking to sell or give away gear (or post for gear that you want to buy). Looking for a Partner is a way to find other members interested in climbs or trips that you are planning. Finally, and maybe most importantly with the current gas prices, Carpooling is a way to post that you are looking for a ride or looking for someone to ride with you to an upcoming outing. Surely many of you are interested in this. If you don't have a car and are looking for a ride, give the Carpooling Forum a shot.

If you have any questions or issues, please email [webmaster@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:webmaster@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: Robert White at 1845 N. Orleans Street, Apt. 2R, Chicago, IL 60614 or e-mail: [cmcsecretary@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcsecretary@cmcwebsite.org). Also, please contact me if your newsletter was damaged in the mail and you would like a fresh copy sent.

#### 2005 Fall Outings Schedule

Following are the remaining Outing dates and locations this year. October is the absolutely height of climbing at Devil's Lake. Two outings you can't miss. And for a special treat, come and see how peaceful it is on the non-outing weekends.

Oct 8-9:	Devil's Lake
Oct 22-23:	Devil's Lake
Nov 5-6:	Shawnee National Forest Jackson Falls/Draper's Bluff

The winter VE climbing schedule will be available soon, and don't forget to mark your calendars for the winter skills workshop in early January and February Follies over President's Day weekend.

If you have questions or need additional information on any of these outings, please contact our Outings Chair Jamie Norris.

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"To become a mountaineer one must not only learn to climb; one must learn to understand mountains."

- Gaston Rebuffat

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