



# Chicago Mountaineering Club

The next CMC General Meeting will be Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 PM at the Goose Island Brewery, 1800 N Clybourn Ave., Chicago IL (312) 915-0071. The General Meeting is open to all. The CMC Board Meeting is before the General Meeting from 6:30 to 7:45pm. The Board Meeting is open to CMC members.

## General Meeting Schedule



Gannett Peak, July 2006. G. Naxera Photo.

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm: George Naxera will give a presentation on his climb of Gannett Peak in July 2006. Gannett Peak (13,804) is the state highpoint of Wyoming. It's surrounded by five glaciers and considered to be one of the top four most difficult state highpoints in the US.

George also added to his high point list by climbing Boundary Peak (13,140'), the highest peak in Nevada, on August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00pm: T.B.D. Likely a presentation on the 2007 CMC Western Outing to the Tonquin Valley in British Columbia.

Thanks to the Devin Strickland for taking on the Programs Chair position this fall. Neil Horn, the previous office holder, moved to Wisconsin. Thanks Neil for your service to the Greater Good.

## 2007 Western Outing Update

By Dave Kenealy, Expedition Leader.

The Western Expedition trip to the Canadian Rockies went well. On August 4<sup>th</sup>, the group met in Jasper, Alberta, and left for the Tonquin Valley with packs on the following day. The group included Karen Gisburne, Matt Haraburda, Dave Kenealy, Andy Klein and Stephanie Hoffman, and camped at Surprise Point the first night. The balance of the trip was spent in the historic and comfortable Wates-Gibson Hut, a log cabin that sleeps 24, but which we had to ourselves most of the time.

The first day included relocation from Surprise Point to the Wates-Gibson and reaching some snowfields for a 5-6 hour CMC Snow School. Everyone learned basic snow travel techniques, self belay and self arrest. The following days included climbing, hiking, sitting out rainy days and fishing - culminating in a long climb across the Eremite Glacier and up very steep snow, finally surmounting the snow field's steep ridge "a cheval." Other highlights included a fresh trout dinner and spotting bear, moose, elk, caribou, marmot, and porcupine.

Everyone returned August 11 happy and healthy, with vows to return to the Tonquin. Watch the next Mountaineer for a complete trip report and photos.



CMC team crossing Eremite Glacier. D. Kenealy photo.

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#### Remaining Fall Outings

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may. These are the remaining fall outings, typically the season's best.

Oct 6-7: Devil's Lake  
Oct 20-21: Devil's Lake  
Nov 3-4: Shawnee National Forest  
Jackson Falls/Draper's Bluff  
(Experience climbers)

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact our Outings Chair Jamie Norris at [cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org](mailto:cmcoutings@cmcwebsite.org).

#### 2008 Board Nominations

Any CMC member interested in being more involved with the Club and serving on the Board is encouraged to contact one of the current Board members and attend the upcoming Board and General Meetings. At the October meeting, President Mike Burian will create a committee to find nominees for the various 2008 Board positions. These nominees will be announced at the November General Meeting. Also, additional nominations can be made from the floor at the November meeting by any current CMC member. Uncontested office nominees will be declared elected by acclamation by the President. If there are two or

more candidates for any given office at the November meeting, the President will appoint an election committee to conduct an election by mailed ballot.

For information on the various Board positions and their duties, please see the 2007 Yearbook or contact the current board members.

#### Becoming an Alpine Climber

- Remember that speed is safety; travel light.
- Every climb is a learning opportunity. You can speed up the process and increase your safety by actively and consciously observing and processing everything that is happening around you on a climb.
- Work on route finding. Start by looking ahead and trying to assess the best route. Afterward, self-critique.
- Assess difficulty from afar. Try to guess how hard the climbing will be and imagine the protective strategy. Later, compare that to the actual. Any patterns?
- Estimate the time needed ahead of time. Then compare that to reality when you return.
- After a climb, review the day. Where were you most at risk? What did you do to address that risk? Was it adequate? How could the risk have been better managed?

"Belief in your ability is earned. Don't Pretend. Posturing can be fatal." -Mark Twight