



Chicago Mountaineering Club

The next CMC General Meeting will be on Monday, December 17, 2001, at 8:00 PM at the Field Museum of Natural History. The presentation will be on the topic of mountaineering and presented by a mountaineer. So bring plenty of popcorn and be prepared to be entertained.

There will be a CMC Board meeting on Monday, December 17, 2001, at 6:30 PM at the Field Museum.

Our General Meeting is open to the public, held on the third Monday of each month, September through May. Everyone is welcome. We have a short business meeting, followed by our featured program presentation.

2002 CMC Board Nominations

Nominations and approval of the 2001 CMC Board members will be held at the December meeting. At this time, the nomination committee will submit the following slate of candidates for the coming year:

Position	Candidate
President	Ron Rolnicki
Vice President	Dan Bobrow
Secretary	Steve Capps
Treasurer	Chris Young
Sergeant at Arms	Mark Mummer
Outings Chair	Open
Program Chair	Ben Kweton
Publications Chair	Open
Grounds Chair	Alex Andrews
Safety Chair	William Dietrich
Expedition Chair (2003 Western Outing)	Open

If you would like to nominate someone for one of the open positions, or be nominated for an open position, contact Ron Rolnicki at climber@core.com.

Field Museum Parking

Due to construction, parking is no longer available in the west lot of the Field Museum; try the Soldier Field lot or the one directly north of it, next to the Museum.

10th Annual February Follies

Welcome Winter!

This is the 10th Annual February Follies which after 10 years I am changing the name to **February Frolic!!!** Although history will tell that the name has been changed at least once before due to concerns about being politically correct and not offending older Club members. Still can't figure out what was the problem with "Dead Presidents Weekend Climb." Can you believe it, about 10 years ago, three misguided souls decided to plan a winter outing. We each had aspirations of climbing bigger glaciated peaks, each shared many common goals and each wanted to climb to the highest point of each of the 50 states in the US. Upon looking at the list of 50 high points, a common theme arose that several of these peaks are heavily glaciated and for us flatlanders we needed to learn, develop, and expand our winter mountaineering skills. At Devils Lake we shared the summer camping, cooking, and nesting skills... we worked on rope management, rock climbing, but we lacked experience in the winter. We knew that to be able to climb all of the 50 state high points would require expanding our skill sets into Winter Mountaineering.

We would soon learn that this would include winter camping and cooking, clothing management, route finding vs. trail following, weather prediction or guessing, avalanche awareness... how to use cross country skis & snow shoes, safe urination within your sleeping bag when its 30 Below, keeping your dump off your snowshoes, crampon and ice axe technique, self arrest techniques, ice climbing, and the list is still growing. These skills and more would add to our quest to learn the skills of Mountaineering, with our goal in mind of getting to the highest point of the 50 United States we picked a high point thus beginning our quest which became the February Frolic. The first year was the trip to Mt. Marcy, NY. Where we learned about wet heavy snowfall, white outs, tent dig outs (24" in one night), and tent ventilation... and we learned the winter climbing was great!! No bugs, you can bring anything to eat (your refrigerator is your pack), and you don't have to pack lots of water, but burnt snow tastes ugly. Mt. Marcy progressed to Mt. Elbert, Co., then to Humphries Peak, Mt. Arvon, Wheeler Peak (2x's), Upper Peninsula

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Michigan Ice climbing (2x's), Guadalupe Peak, and more to come.

The progression of time is here again and the planning of the outing is underway. Of course this years climb must meet the same stringent mountaineering requirements as previous years... can you get the time off, is there snow and will your gear keep you warm? Is there a local KFC after the climb?

So it's December 1st and we ask...where to go this February? We have had many thoughts from climbing in Rocky Mtn. National Park... glimmers of Longs Peak or just ice climbing in Estes Park, Co, to Ice climbing at the Montreal River area in Canada ... and lots of other suggested places. This year is no different than the past. So we are looking at some place to which we can easily travel and secondly climb something, but mostly have a great time and enjoy the winter.

So if you're up for it... please call me and let me know if you're interested, outings@cmcwebsite.org. We are going to have a February Frolic/Follies meeting to discuss the outing immediately after the December meeting @ Bennegins on Michigan Ave. I hope you can attend.

On Belay - Chris.

CMC Scheduled Activities

- December 17 – February Frolic/Follies Meeting
- February 14-18 - February Follies "10th Annual"
- March 2 – 2002 Annual CMC Dinner Meeting

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