



Chicago Mountaineering Club

The next CMC General meeting will be on Monday, December 13, 2004 at 8:00 PM at the Goose Island Brewery, 1800 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago, IL (312) 915-0071. The program will be a video on Big Wall climbing in Utah. It will be preceded by a CMC Board meeting at 6:30 PM, same location. Also, please contact incoming Program Director Dave Ireland (davidire@rcn.com) if you would be interested in sharing your climbing stories and slides or pictures for upcoming meetings.

General Meetings are open to the public, and held on the SECOND Monday of each month, September through May, at Goose Island Brewery and begin at 8:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.

Letter of gratitude from Jack Gorby to all CMC members and friends who helped move John Speck Memorial Library on behalf of the MFC Board (Ollie Swartling, George Pokorny, Tom Hibbs, Pieter Fockens & Ben Kweton)

When business demands required CMC member Zero Shim to put the second floor of his hardware store on Diversey Avenue in Chicago to a different use, he reluctantly told Mountaineering Foundation of Chicago librarian Pieter Fockens that the MFC would have to find a new location for the John Speck Memorial Library. When Pieter informed me of this, I experienced both gratitude and dread.

First and foremost was a feeling of great gratitude to Zero for all he has done for the MFC and CMC. When George Pokorny moved to Minnesota ten years ago and the MFC was in desperate need for a new location for its library, the MFC faced a serious problem. Space is at a premium like never before, and finding library space for a large collection of books would be difficult. Zero came through for us and donated space in his building. It was a most generous gift.

And the MFC took full advantage of his generosity for years. Nothing remains the same forever, and this proved to be true with the library. The MFC and CMC owe Zero a most earnest and warm Thank You for what he has done for our mountaineering community. Please let him know.

The second emotion was dread. Where, pray tell, is the MFC going to find library space that won't cost a small fortune? And, once found, who of sound mind will be willing to move all those books, etc. The first apprehension was short lived. CMC member and MFC co-librarian Ben Kweton made arrangements with his family's Sheet Metal Supply Company in Lincolnshire for the MFC to use a room and adjacent space in the company shop for our library. Once again, the MFC "lucked out." We owe the Kweton family our appreciation. They are doing the MFC and the CMC a big favor.

But the move! It became immediately apparent that Pieter had devoted a great deal of thought and untold hours preparing for this move. Everything was extremely well organized, books were all packed in numbered boxes, book cases were empty, dollies were there, a conveyer belt was in operation, and a truck awaiting action. This did not surprise me, since I've seen Pieter's dedication and organizational skill in operation any number of times. There were also a large number of CMC members, some friends and family and even some aspiring members. According to Pieter's records, twenty-four persons pitched in with great enthusiasm and moved the entire inventory of the John Speck Memorial Library from Zero's hardware store to the Kweton family's Sheet Metal Supply Company's location. This involved 37 bookcases, 160 boxes of books and magazines and sundry office items. This move was accomplished in two and a half hours time! Yes, 2 1/2 hours.

We have a great asset in the MFC library, and the enthusiasm CMC members and friends displayed at this move demonstrates an understanding of

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this. When our new library is put back in order the MFC will hold an open house at Ben's Sheet Metal shop to show off the library and its new location and to thank those who have done so much to make the library and this move a success. You're all invited. But be patient. We first have to get it in order!

2005 Winter 'Outings'

The following dates have been reserved as tentative outings at **Vertical Endeavors, 28141 Diehl Rd, Warrenville, IL:** January 2nd and 16th February 6th and 20th, March 6th and 20th and April 3rd.

Reminder of Membership Renewal

Members who receive their newsletter via US Mail should have a 2005 Renewal included with their newsletter. Members who receive their newsletter electronically will receive their renewal form in December via US Mail. This year the Club is asking Members to send a photo with their renewal form. The Club would like to use these photos on the secured, member-only website and possibly in a future Yearbook. Don't forget to take advantage of the reduced campground fees by returning your completed form with payment by January 30, 2005. We encourage you to include a picture! Contact Matt Mead if you have any questions.

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