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Don't do **ANYTHING ELSE UNTIL** you have purchased your tickets for the

ANNUAL DINNER

! Tickets are going fast !

We need your meal order NOW
to get to the caterer!

[Link for ticket purchases above left](#)

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PLEASE NOTE: Seth has revised the silent auction format. **There will NO LONGER be reserve prices placed on the items for auction.**

Upcoming Programs

March Board Meeting - March 12th

NOTE: The MARCH PROGRAM is the ANNUAL DINNER, March 3rd at the Brookfield Zoo

BOARD MEETINGS are held the **2nd Monday** of the month.

6:30 PM Board Meeting
(All members are welcome to attend)

8:00 PM Social hour/ Program

Skrine Chops - Forest Park

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The following people have submitted New Membership Application

- **Scott Albert**

The Board has reviewed their application, and they were given a "First Reading" during the January General Meeting.

"**Second Reading**"s were given for the following applicants:

- **Ilya Zlotnik** (apology for misspelling in the Jan. Newsletter)

He is now officially a member of the Chicago Mountaineering Club. Please welcome him!!

To apply for membership:

[CLICK HERE](#)

2018 Annual Dinner

Seth has done it AGAIN!!

This year's **Annual Dinner Speaker** will be



National Geographic Explorer

Mike Libeck

& his daughter Lilliana

at the **Brookfield Zoo**

For the price of one admission ticket, you get:

- Full access to the entire Brookfield Zoo - All day! Bring the kids!
- **FREE PARKING!**
- **FREE** Raffle ticket for awesome gear!
- Cash Bar with hors d'oeuvres!
- Silent Auction!
- Delicious catered meal and dessert!

To see a short video to find out more about Mike:

[CLICK HERE](#)



Mike and Lilliana Libeck



National Geographic Explorer Mike Libeck has a true obsession with exploring the most remote and harshest corners of the planet, from -67 degrees to 120 mph winds to polar bears attacking, he never knows what is next. He has completed more than 70 major expeditions all over the world with a goal of 100 expeditions, from Afghanistan to Antarctica, from Greenland to Guyana, from Siberia to Socotra Island and everywhere in between... **Why ration passion? The time is now!**

Mike:

My daughter turns 14 in a couple weeks. Soon we will be off to Peru for more humanitarian work and an attempt at her goal of climbing a 6,000-meter peak in South America. Lilliana is my favorite partner on adventures, and we have been thankful to travel far and wide, from near our home in the Wasatch Mountains to Yosemite, from Antarctica to Nepal and Africa. I never imagined that she would teach me so much.

I am reminded of another inspiring family member. In 1936, my grandfather Harold was also 14 years old, growing up on a farm in North Dakota. On a cool spring day at school in a small country classroom, he saw a picture of Yosemite National Park in a magazine and was instantly enchanted. He hitchhiked, rode trains, and walked many miles until he found himself among the majesty of Yosemite Valley! If it were not for my grandfather and his wanderlust, my family would not have grown up in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, just 30 miles from Yosemite National Park.

On my first climbing trip to Yosemite at 17 years old, I also became enchanted. I went to my grandmother (Harold's wife) to discuss my dilemma of wanting to leave college and climb every day. She said, "Michael, the time is now, and you must live right now; you have a passion and you must listen to it." I drove to Yosemite and never looked back. I lived in Yosemite and in my truck for the next five years. My climbing lifestyle became training for big first ascents all over the world.

I hope that I somehow inspire my daughter to love the mountains, and to find some of her greatest joys while high on summits, making sweet turns in powder snow, or during any joyous frolicking among steep nature. We have spent many days in the grandeur of Yosemite, where she learned to love steep walls and waterfalls. I am so grateful to my grandfather. Were it not for him, we may never have begun this family tradition of adventure, seeking out nature and new experiences with Mother Earth.

Lilliana:

Being in the mountains with my father is a chance for new opportunities. Breathing in the fresh air and listening to the organic, beautiful sounds of nature clears my mind, and I only think positive thoughts, such as how lucky we are to live this life. My dad is not only my dad, but also a reliable and fun adventure partner. He is constantly motivated, and there is never a boring moment when we are together.

With optimism comes patience and positive energy. When my dad and I were on our expedition in Antarctica, we were getting ready to ski down to penguins in hideous, howling winds, and my dad thought that he had lost one of his skins. He paced around looking for it, checked his pack a million times, and even said, "Well, I think we lost a skin, this should be interesting." I knew that it was in his pack, told him to look again, and there it was! Teamwork and optimism are everything.

My dad has taught me that when I go into the wilderness, prepared for adventure and mystery, I instantly become a happier, more productive person. Any chance you get to go outside—take it. It will be an eye opener. Whether you are an artist, a climber, a skier, a journalist, or anyone really, there is always something new to inhale in nature.

!! Time to Renew !!

2018 Membership Renewal Forms

are now available:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Note that convenient multi-year renewals are now possible!



Indoor Outings

Remember that in 2018 we will have indoor outings at **BOTH**:

- ◆ Vertical Endeavors in Glendale Hts
- ◆ First Ascent, Avondale.

February 25
 March 11 & 25
 April 8 & 22
 May 6 & 20

NOTE: *Chris Gregory* is the [Outings Chair](#) . He can answer any questions you might have about CMC outings.

To contact Chris: **[CLICK HERE](#)**

2018 Photo Contest

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Winners will earn [valuable prizes](#), and their images and will be published with honor for posterity.

Votes will be cast by attendees to the 2018 Annual Dinner.

**SUBMIT
YOUR
PHOTO**

You can submit your digital images here:
secretary@chicagomountaineeringclub.org

Content is restricted this year. **Recent 2017 photos ONLY!** Images with some relation to the CMC and its activities are preferred. All photos will be printed in 8 x 10 format and mounted without identifying marks. No guaranty regarding color fidelity. Please submit only original images to which you personally own full copyrights.



Ok. Soooo... This is pretty alarming! Marcus discovered that there are apparently ATV enthusiasts out there promoting the idea of having **ATV trails and a safety course** at Devils Lake State Park and along Burma Rd.

!! Where the CMC Campground lies !!

See the full article: [CLICK HERE](#)

Maria then sleuthed Facebook, and found that there is a FB group who's goal is:

"To establish the Tawacunchuktah Trail in honor of the Ho Chunk Nation, the first people to experience the beautiful area in which we live in. A trail that would start in the City of Baraboo and travel through Devil's Lake South Shore along with a ATV trail and ATV Safety Course Center in the Devil's Lake South Bluff Area off Burma Road."

[CLICK HERE](#)

The CMC Board has identified this possibility as a serious threat to our club's use and enjoyment of the MFC property at Devils Lake, and is mobilizing to head off any serious considerations by authorities involved in development and use planning at the park. We hope to have an informational booth set up at the Annual Dinner, possibly with a petition to sign that we will be presenting to the WI DNR and others. Watch future Newsletters for further updates. !!

2018 Outdoor Outing Schedule

March 3 Annual Dinner

Winter Outing ** Date to be determined**

Apr 20-22 Red River Gorge, Kentucky (sport/trad)*

May 5/6 Mississippi Palisades, IL and Devils Lake, WI

May 19/20 Devils Lake, WI

May 24-28 Shawangunk, New York (trad)*
(Memorial Day is May 28)

Jun 2/3 Devils Lake, WI

2018 RMNP Cabin Outing

Jun 16/17 Devils Lake, WI

Jun 30/July 1 Devils Lake, WI

Jul 21/22 Devils Lake, WI

Aug 4/5 Devils Lake, WI

Aug 18/19 Old Timers/New Climbers Picnic; Devils Lake, WI

Sep 1/2 Devils Lake, WI

Sep 15/16 Devils Lake, WI

Sep 29/30 Devils Lake, WI

Oct 13/14 Devils Lake, WI

Oct 26/28 Jackson Falls, IL (sport)* and Devils Lake, WI

Nov 9/11 Horseshoe Canyon Ranch, Arkansas (Sport)*

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Contact Chris at:

outings@chicagomountaineeringclub.org

2018 RMNP Cabin Outing

James Considine

Date of Outing:

- Saturday, June 2 – Sunday June 10, 2018
- Or June 16-24. Note: June 17th is Father's Day

Location:

- Base camp out of the CMC Colorado Cabin which is in the Wild Basin of Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP)

General Description:

Climbing, hiking and mountaineering in Rocky Mountain National Park (RMNP) using the CMC cabin as a base. As this will be a first outing with the renovated cabin, the focus will be on getting to know the Wild Basin. Thirteeners that can be reached from the Wild Basin: Mt. Alice, Pagoda Mountain, Chef's Head Peak, Isolation Peak, Ogallala Peak, and Mount Copeland. These mountains do not have maintained trails, so bushwhacking and mountaineering skills will be needed. Depending upon the winter and spring, some snow may remain on the mountains, which will add to challenge.

A half day will be spent on cabin and grounds improvement. A detailed work plan will be prepared. After the half day work detail, attendees can perform work on their own volition.

Others may wish to explore outside of the Wild Basin and not attend the group activities. There still may be some snow at higher elevations. Crampons and ice axe will likely be needed. An alpine ascent of Long's Peak may be possible as an option.

Tentative Schedule:

Saturday: Travel to RMNP

Sunday: Climb Mt. Copeland (13,176) via Pear Lake and East Ridge and return to CMC Cabin

Monday: AM – Climb Horsetooth Peak (10,344) via Southwest Ridge (Grade I, Class2) and Lookout Mountain (10,715) via northwest Slope (Grade I, Class 3) or another nearby mountain. PM - Cabin/grounds work.

Tuesday: Rock Climbing

Wednesday: Backpack to Sandbeach Lake to camp

Thursday: climb Mount Meeker (13,911) via South Ridge (Grade II, Class2) Chiefs Head Peak (13,579) or Pagoda Mountain (13,497) or both and return to CMC Cabin

Friday: Rock Climbing or backpack to Patrol Cabin (10,514) to camp

Saturday: Rock Climbing or climb Mt. Alice (13,310) via Hourglass Ridge (Grade II, Class 2+), and return to CMC Cabin

Sunday: Return home

2018 Board Members

- President** – Matt Haraburda
- Vice President** – Gregg Kane
- Secretary** - Kevin Field
- Treasurer** – Marie Nelson
- Sergeant at Arms** – Dave Kenealy
- Outings Chair** – Chris Gregory
- Publications Chair** – Sue Gregory
- Programs Chair** – Seth Horowitz
- Director** – George Naxera
- Director** – Jamie Norris
- Director** – Bill Dietrich

Appointed positions:

- Librarian** - Pieter Fockens
- Safety Chair** - Jacek Witkos
- Grounds Chair** - Bill Dietrich
- Conservation** - Doug Hemken
- Technology** - Marcus Daubaras
- Expeditions Chairs:**
 - Al Graber
 - Kevin Roemer

Calling 4 Submissions

The **Chicago Mountaineer** is your ticket to fame and ...

PLEASE submit your climbing and mountaineering exploits for publication. Don't think of it as bragging. They don't have to be long or elaborate, or about superhuman feats executed in exotic places. You don't have to be a super great writer. Often it's just the effort that counts. Think campfire stories - folks like to hear what others have been up to. It sparks inspiration! Pictures are always great. All accepted articles are then incorporated into the American Alpine Journal for that year, according to our Librarian, Pieter Fockens.

Please send material to **Sue Gregory**, the **Publications Chair**, through the Contact page on our website:
chicagomountaineeringclub.org

