

The Arizona Mountaineer

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Thanksgiving at J Tree



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The Arizona Mountaineering Club

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Meetings: The member meeting location is:

Granite Reef Senior Center: 1700 North Granite Reef Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85257

The meeting time is 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Check Calendar for date.

Board Meetings: Board meetings are open to all members and are held two Mondays prior to the club meeting.

Dues: Dues cover January through December. A single membership is \$30.00 per year: \$35.00 for a family. Those joining after June 30 pay \$15 or \$18. Members joining after October 31 who pay for a full year will have dues credited through the end of the following year. dues can be paid using PayPal on the AMC website or mailed to AMC Membership, PO Box 30163, Mesa, AZ 85275-0163. (Checks only).

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Schools: The AMC conducts several rock climbing, mountaineering and other outdoor skills schools each year. Browse the AMC website for information on schedules and classes.

For More Information:

Website: www.arizonamountaineeringclub.org

Mail: Arizona Mountaineering Club, 4340 E. Indian School Rd., Ste 21-164, Phoenix, AZ 85018

AMC Land Advocacy Committee: The Committee works to maintain public access to climbing areas. If you know of areas that are threatened with closures or climbing restrictions, please notify the Land Advocacy representative Erik Filsinger at smorefil@aol.com.

Newsletter: The Arizona Mountaineer is published monthly by the AMC. The newsletter depends on contributions from its members so PLEASE send us your articles, gear reviews and/or photos. Submit to: amcaznewsletter@gmail.com by the 1st of the month prior to the month to be published.

Digital photos should preferably be in JPG format and 300 dpi. Articles can be in any standard word processing format.

Advertising in the newsletter is accepted, subject to approval, at the following rates. Personal ads are free to members. Business ads are \$5.00 for a business card, \$10.00 for half page, \$20.00 for full page, and \$25.00 for inserts. Contact Dave McClintic at 602-885-5194 about billing. All ads are to be submitted to: amcaznewsletter@gmail.com by the 1st of the month prior to the month to be published.

**SUBMISSIONS DUE ON JANUARY 1ST FOR FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER
SEND TO: AMCAZNEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM**

Outing Leaders

Requirements for becoming a leader: take the Basic, Anchors and Lead classes (or equivalents), be a member for at least one year, complete a basic first aid and CPR class (8 hours or more), and be approved for leadership by at least five current leaders through formal application process and by the Board of Directors. Contact Nancy Lust at (602) 770-8326.

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Treasurer's Report

Arizona Mountaineering Club Income Statement Period Ended November 2013

INCOME

Advertising	0.00
Dues	5,053.00
Grants Received	0.00
Interest	22.45
Mountaineering Schools	1,190.00
Rental Equipment	263.00
AARS Fall	2,755.00
AARS Spring	2,090.00
Basic Fall	6,470.00
Basic Spring	5,380.00
Lead Fall	1,140.00
Lead Spring	760.00
Training Other	155.00
Merchandise & Other	2,982.00
TOTAL INCOME	28,260.45

EXPENSES

Admin	2,266.33
Promotional	2,159.34
Bank chgs	680.16
Capital Expenditures	0.00
Equipment Maintenance	128.61
Grants Expended	0.00
Insurance	1,220.00
Land Advocacy Committee	423.64
Library	0.00
Newsletter	1,312.64
Outings	273.59
Outing Leaders	250.00
Programs Monthly Meeting	2,314.94
Training	8,237.41
TOTAL EXPENSES	19,266.66

OVERALL TOTAL 8,993.79

ACCOUNT BALANCES

Checking & PayPal	24,354.61
Accounts Receivable	0.00
CD Account	15,000.00
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	39,354.61
AMC Outing Gear	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	39,354.61

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Discount Directory

These merchants offer a discount to AMC members:

- **Arizona Hiking Shack** - 3244 E. Thomas Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85018, (602) 944-7723 www.hikingshack.com. Show your AMC membership card and get a 10% discount.
- **AZ on the Rocks Gym** - 16447 N. 91st St., Scottsdale, AZ 85260. 480-502-9777. 10% off membership.
- **Climbmax Gym** - 1330 W Auto Dr, Suite 112, Tempe, AZ 85284 - 480-626-7755. 10% off membership.
- **Phoenix Rock Gym** - 1353 E. University, Tempe, AZ 85281. 480-921-8322. 10% off membership.

AMC Board Minutes - December 2, 2013

Call to order: Bill Fallon called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Board Members present: Cheryl Beaver, Bill Fallon, Douglas Matson, David Sampson, Erik Filsinger, Gavin Storey, John Gray, Mike Lust, and Thad Colgrove

Minutes: The Minutes of the November 4, 2013 Board meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for November 2013 was approved. It was noted that a \$1,200 budget override for the T&S Committee was approved at the November member meeting.

Committee Reports:

Membership – The current number of dues paid members stands at 309.

Programs – Kim McClintic submitted a written report concerning upcoming member meeting programs.

Outings – Recent: Alpine Seminar Series – Nov 6 – Jeff Crosby and Erik Filsinger; Advanced Self Rescue Seminar – Nov. 9, repeat Nov. 10 – Erik, Cheryl; Anchors School – Nov 12, 14, 16, 17 – Eric Evans and Rogil Schroeter; Pinnacle Peak Y Crack – Nov 20 – Chris Meyer; Tom's Thumb – Nov 27 – Douglas Matson and Rogil Schroeter; The Mace – Dec 1 – Frank Vers; Thanksgiving at J-Tree – Nov. 26 – Dec. 1 – Tiina Perlman & Dave McClintic

Upcoming - Alpine Seminar Series – Dec 4 – Jeff Crosby and Erik Filsinger; Alpine Rock – Dec 7 – Erik Filsinger; Queen Vic – Dec 7 – David Sampson and Douglas Matson; AMC Stewardship Day – Dec 14 – Erik Filsinger, AMC Holiday Party – Fri Dec.13 – Kim McClintic

Land Advocacy – Erik informed the AMC Board that an internal split of duties had been made within the Land Advocacy Committee. Erik will retain AMC representation with regard to Scottsdale and continue to assist with other Arizona locations, but Land Advocacy Co-Chair, John Keedy, will be the AMC lead representative on matters concerning Queen Creek. Erik stated that he will remain involved in other organizations pursuing maximization of Queen Creek climbing but it was his preference to separate his representation and that from this date forward AMC Board members and AMC members should look to John as the AMC lead on those matters.

Erik discussed the status of Phoenix parks and their new stance on Commercial permitting which at this time remains somewhat unclear. The Board also discussed the new trails on Echo Canyon at Camelback and is willing to help assist with climber trails to the traditional climbing areas. Erik will follow-up with knowledgeable parties.

Erik reported that user groups in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve need to be sensitive to group size issues. He also reported on the aforementioned Stewardship Day that will occur on Saturday, December 14. Fall clean-up will be done on the Climber Access Routes near Sven Towers I, II, and III.

AMC Board Minutes - December 2, 2013 (continued)

Mountaineering – Erik reported that attendance at the Alpine Seminar Series remains strong. Other activities include monthly offerings will include Winter Camping in January, Ice Climbing in February and March, and Glacier Travel and Snow Skills in April.

Canyoneering – No report. Proposed policies and guidelines for the committee are anticipated.

T & S – Bill gave an update on the Fall rock climbing schools. He also reported on work with REI on rock climbing clinics.

Newsletter Committee – Cheryl gave a brief report on this newsletter for this month.

Technology Committee – The Board held a short discussion about the committee and its status.

New Business

Proposed Intellectual Property Policy – Erik presented some background and potential directions for the AMC. After a discussion Board members will send their further thoughts and suggestions to Erik who will continue to lead the discussion.

Advanced Climbing Seminars planning – David Sampson gave the Board an update on the A.C.S. activities and a potential multi-pitch climbing seminar and a potential crack climbing seminar.

Reinstated of Jeff Hatfield as AMC OL – Bill led a discussion of reinstating Jeff and the procedures that will be followed. Board members recalled Jeff's considerable past contributions to the club.

Old Business

2014 Elections planning – Bill gave a report from John Keedy on the status of the ballot.

AMC 50th Birthday Celebration planning - Douglas Matson presented a variety of ideas. The Board was amenable to a potential Queen Creek location and discussed a wide variety of opportunities.

OL apprentice process, qualification & outing policy changes. Douglas Matson and David Sampson handed out written policy statements and led a discussion of the potential policy changes. Douglas and David will bring the proposed changes back to the next Board meeting for final action.

AdjournThe meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Erik Filsinger, AMC Secretary

AMC 2014 Proposed Budget

INCOME

Advertising	50.00
Dues	4,900.00
Interest	30.00
Grants Received	200.00
Merchandise Sales (T-shirts)	3,000.00
Equipment Rental	250.00
Anchors School	3,420.00
Basic School	11,115.00
Lead School	1,520.00
Mountaineering Schools	600.00
Training Income Other	500.00
TOTAL INCOME	25,585.00

EXPENSES

Gear Storage	1,350.00
MeetUp.com admin fees	165.00
Other	250.00
Postage	200.00
Printing	100.00
Supplies	50.00
Website/Cloud services	120.00
Advertising/PR	200.00
Donations	100.00
Bank Charges/NSF	600.00
Mountaineering	250.00
Rental Equipment	150.00
Grants Expended	200.00
Insurance	4,000.00
Land Advocacy Committee	400.00
Library Committee	50.00
Newsletter Committee	1,500.00
OL Certifications & First Aid	1,000.00
Outings Committee	600.00
Programs Committee	3,350.00
T-Shirts (AMC, Grand Canyon, etc)	3,000.00
Training & Schools	7,950.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	25,585.00

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR AMC MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014

Go to: <http://arizonamountaineeringclub.org/>

AMC Wants You!

It's time to build the slate of candidates for the 2014 AMC Elections in January. All officer positions and two board director positions are open and seeking candidates. The only prerequisites are:

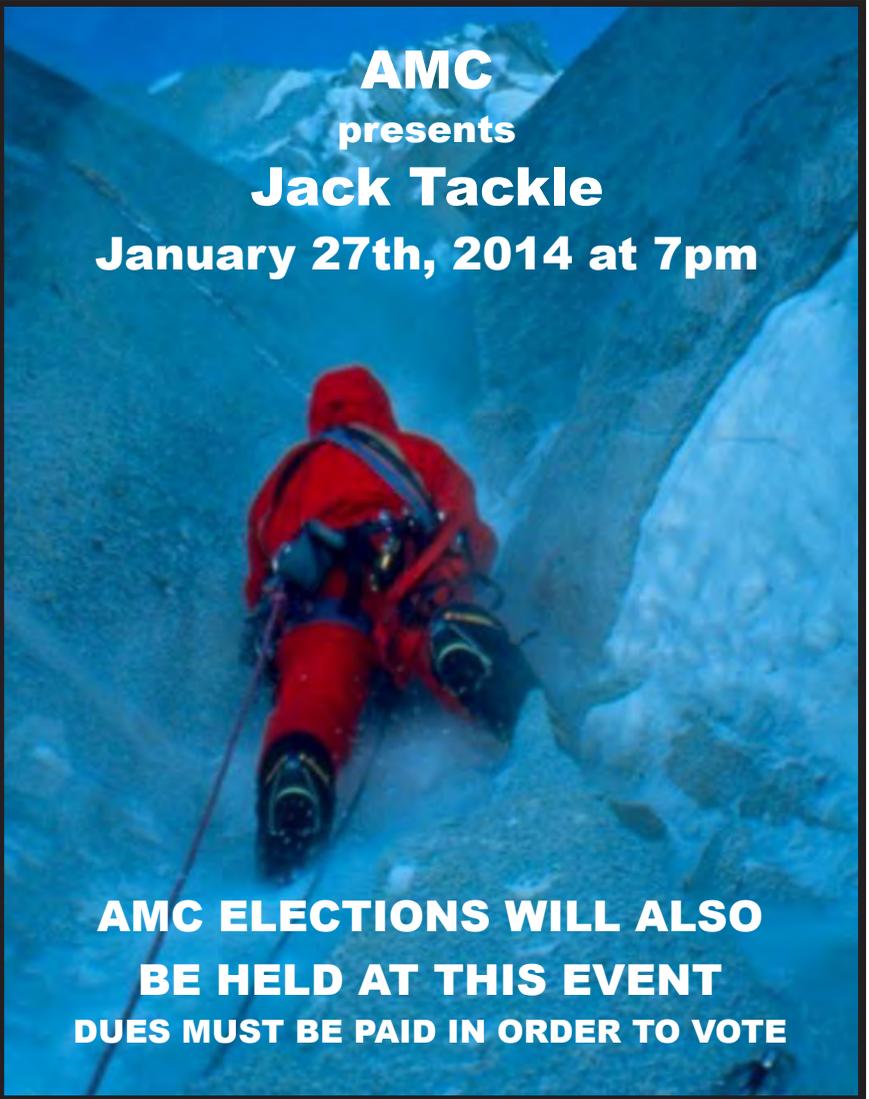
- You must have been an AMC member for at least one year prior to January
- You have a willingness and desire to get involved and help the club and its members

If you're interested and want to hear more, please contact the Elections Chair, John Keedy, at jwkeedy@cox.net for more information.

AMC Rental Equipment

<u>EQUIPMENT</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>\$Dep</u>	<u>1-3day</u>	<u>4-7day</u>
MSR Alpine snowshoes	5	32	10	16
Ice Crampons	5	26	8	13
Ice axes (70 cm)	6	16	5	8
Ice axes (90 cm)	5	14	5	7
Snow shovel	1	8	3	4
Avalanche Kit (probe & shovel)	2	10	5	8
Curved Ice Tools (pair)	2	40	20	35

Contact Jeff Crosby for information on how to rent AMC equipment. 480-516-7815



AMC
presents
Jack Tackle
January 27th, 2014 at 7pm

**AMC ELECTIONS WILL ALSO
BE HELD AT THIS EVENT
DUES MUST BE PAID IN ORDER TO VOTE**

For 30+ years Jack has pursued all types of climbing in many different ranges of the world, including the Himalaya, South America and Alaska. Jack is most famous for his alpine style climbing of new, extreme routes, especially in Alaska where he has done 28 separate expeditions since 1976 with 15 first ascents.

Located at Granite Reef Senior Center, 1700 N. Granite Reef Rd., Scottsdale

Contact Kim with questions. canyonkim@gmail.com

Congratulation AMC 2013 Fall Anchors Class!



photo: David Anderson



photo: Jeff Watkins

Students:

Marcia Banks, Miranda Beck, Lynn Bufka, Paul Couture, Diane Faraone, Will Golz, Ivanka Grambelova, Sarah Grant, Brian Grice, Casey Harrison, Laura Howey, Daniel Johnson, Stephanie Johnson, John Ligas, Cynthia Lim, Debbie Lippincott, Matt Loriss, Yuko Maeda, Michael Nicholas, Chris Opitz, Leonardo Ramirez, Deborah Roether, Bryan Rood, Zachary Schwager, Tom Seeley, Jamie Shirleson, Zachary Smith, Siddharth Tiwari

Instructors:

David Anderson, Ronald Auerbach, Cheryl Beaver, David Cameron, Christopher Canevit, Thad Colgrove, Chris Curtis, Peter Ekama, Eric Evans, Bill Fallon, Greg Frantz, Jaci Frantz, Daniel Gonzales, John Gray, Paul Laughlin, Willy Leung, Mike Lust, Nancy Lust, Janette Madsen, Douglas Matson, Erin Matson, David McClintic, Kim McClintic, Laura Nagy, Scott Nagy, Jessica Nalewjka, Silvy Evans, Rogil Schroeter, Adam Sprenger, Corrina Sprenger, Angela Storey, Gavin Storey, Alex Taylor, Jeff Watkins,

Thanksgiving at JTree

Thanksgiving at J-Tree was truly something to be thankful for this year. Fantastic weather, great climbs and lots of family and friends. Many thanks to Tiina & John Perlman for herding all us cats, to Cathy Wise for getting the food organized (great selection of really great food), and special thanks to Nancy & Mike Lust for pulling through with an infrared turkey cooker and one of the best turkeys I've ever tasted.

We set up the Short Wall in Indian Cove campground on Thanksgiving day and enjoyed sharing the rock with lots of other folks with the same idea. On Friday, we set up lots of longer climbs on the Feudal Wall and again enjoyed sharing the rock with a number of other families.

Showers and disparate dinner plans scattered everyone on Friday, but we managed to gather the remaining faithful for a second pot-luck on Saturday night after a day of dispersed exploration and climbing. John led a bunch of us into a new (to most of us) area in the Rattlesnake Canyon area. (Maybe some new areas for AMC to explore next year!) A huge thank you to everyone who participated in this fantastic annual AMC classic!

~ Dave McClintic



Alpine Rock Seminar



December 7th 2013
Given that most mountain climbs have elements of rock climbing in the ascent, Erik Filsinger shared the keys to moving efficiently in the alpine environment over rock sections.



AMC Stewardship Day - McDowells

November 15th- AMC Stewardship Day with Erik Filsinger
Volunteers worked on the climber access route to Hog Heaven



Gear Head

For all you gear junkies out there.

What is your favorite, can't live with out, go to piece of gear??

Whether it's for rock climbing, alpine mountaineering, canyoneering, backpacking, mountain biking etc., (you get the picture), we'd love to hear about it and post it in the February issue of the newsletter.

Please send to Cheryl at amcaznewsletter@gmail.com

AMC Mountaineering

Committee Activities

2013-2014

The Mountaineering Committee is planning some exciting activities this coming year. Check them out and sign up through the AMC Meet-Up site.



Alpine Seminar Series - The first Wednesday of each month. We kicked off the Alpine Seminar Series in September with a large group of AMC alpinists. Jeff Crosby will lead this informative series of talks based on chapters from *Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills*. Jeff is soliciting speakers to cover each evening's topics.

Alpine Rock Class - Saturday, December 7. Given that most mountain climbs have elements of rock climbing in the ascent, Erik Filsinger shared the keys to moving efficiently in the alpine environment over rock sections. It was held in the Phoenix area.

Winter Camping Class - Saturday, January 11 to Sunday, January 12, 2014. Erik Filsinger will lead a trip to Mt. Humphreys that will focus on skills related to camping in the snow. It is hoped that sufficient snow will exist to practice alternative snow shelters and snow caves.

Beginning Ice Climbing - Saturday, February 15 to Monday, February 17 – Bruce McHenry will take AMC'ers to Ouray Ice Park to learn ice climbing.





photo: C. Beaver

Glacier Travel Class - Saturday, April 19 to Sunday, April 20 – Erik Filsinger will hold a snow skills, glacier travel, and crevasse rescue class on Mt. Humphreys.

Top Rope Ice Climbing Outing - Saturday, March 7 to Monday, March 10 – Bruce McHenry will lead an ice climbing outing to Ouray.



Colorado Mountain Climb - Saturday, May 24 to Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day Weekend)– Erik Filsinger will take an outing to Southwest Colorado to climb a mountain in practice for AMC alpinists pursuing other mountain climbs in 2014.



Submitted by Erik Filsinger
AMC Mountaineering Committee Chair



Billboard- Other Scheduled Events

Outings listed in this section are not AMC sanctioned outings. Any AMC member can list an event he or she is planning and which is open to other AMC members. The member does not have to be an approved AMC Outing Leader.

- Tuesdays **North Mountain hikes after work.** Rogil Schroeter (623) 512-8465
- Wednesdays **Ape Index Gym Climbing** - Rogil Schroeter (623) 512-8465
- Thursdays **Phoenix Rock Gym Climbing** - AMC Members \$10 admission with ID card.
Curtis Stone - Kim McClintic
- Feb 8, 2014 - **Annual Superstition Ridgeline hike** - Strenuous 13 mile hike.
Experienced hikers only. Contact Rogil@cox.net or 623-512-8465 by 2/1/14 at latest.

Go to the AMC meetup for a complete list of outings and activities.

Up to date information and registration will be available.

<http://www.meetup.com/Arizona-Mountaineering-Club/>

January Birthdays

Erin Matson 3, Nathan Ekama 4, Marcela Niemczyk 4, Cathy Wise 5, Bill Fallon 6, Jack Carlson 10, Elizabeth Parmer 12, Laura Howey 17, Rich Kocher 18, Dave Cech 18, Nestor Garcia 19, Monica Miller 21, Zachary Schwager 25, Suzanne Cook 28, Christopher Meyer 29, Karen Stafford 29, Tim Maynor 31

Welcome New Members!

Jeff and Susan and Zane and Justin Hatfield, Brian Grice, Michael Zampino

Welcome back, outing leader, Jeff Hatfield!!

AMC 2014 Calendar

JANUARY

- 11 Winter Camping Class – Jan 11-12
- 13 AMC Board Meeting (Deadline for submitting nominations for 2014 Election)
- 20 Martin Luther King Day (Monday)
- 27 AMC Member Meeting – Elections and Jack Tackle Presentation, Member dues are due

FEBRUARY

- 5 Alpine Seminar Series
- 10 AMC Board Meeting
- 11 Lead School - 11, 12, 13, 15, 16
- 15 Beginning Ice Climbing Class – 15-17
- 17 Presidents Day (Monday)
- 24 AMC Member Meeting-photo contest

MARCH

- 5 Alpine Series Seminar
- 5 Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School Instructors Meeting
- 7-10 Top-rope Ice Climbing Outing – Ouray, CO
- 10 AMC Board Meeting
- 11 Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School - 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22
- 24 AMC Member Meeting
- 29 AMC Anniversary Celebration/Climb

APRIL

- 2 Alpine Series Seminar
- 5 Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb
- 8 Anchors School - 8, 10, 12, 13
- 14 AMC Board Meeting
- 20 Easter
- 26-27 Glacier Travel, Snow Skills and Crevasse Rescue Class
- 28 AMC Member Meeting

MAY

- 5 AMC Board Meeting
- 7 Alpine Series Seminar
- 19 AMC Member Meeting

- 24-26 Memorial Day Weekend - Alpine Climbing Outing to CO
- 26 Memorial Day (Monday)

JUNE

- 9 AMC Board Meeting
- 23 AMC Member Meeting - Swap Meet

JULY

- 4 Independence Day (Friday)
- 14 AMC Board Meeting (No Member Meeting in July)

AUGUST

- 11 AMC Board Meeting
- 25 AMC Member Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Labor Day (Monday)
- 8 AMC Board Meeting
- 9 Lead School - Sep 9, 10, 11, 13, 14
- 22 AMC Member Meeting
- 27 Grand Canyon Clean Up

OCTOBER

- 8 Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School Instructors Meeting
- 13 AMC Board Meeting (Columbus Day)
- 14 Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School - 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 25
- 27 AMC Member Meeting

NOVEMBER

- 1 Queen Creek Cleanup and Climb
- 3 AMC Board Meeting
- 11 Veterans Day (Tuesday)
- 12 Anchors School - 12, 14, 16, 17
- 17 AMC Member Meeting –Activities Expo
- 27 Thanksgiving at Joshua Tree

DECEMBER

- 1 AMC Board Meeting
- 7 Alpine Rock Semina
- 12 Holiday Party



We've got room!



We can even put our tents on the floor now!





Thanksgiving at J Tree
Photo: Jeff Watkins