

# The Arizona Mountaineer

January/February 2011



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# The Arizona Mountaineering Club

Meetings: The member meeting location is:

Granite Reef Senior Center  
1700 North Granite Reef Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona 85257

The meeting time is 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

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 must be sent to:

AMC Membership Committee  
6519 W. Aire Libre Ave.  
Glendale, AZ 85306

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.amcaz.org](http://www.amcaz.org)

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Arizona Mountaineering Club  
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**The AMC Land Advocacy Committee:** The Committee works by itself and with the national Access Fund 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, 480-314-1089.

**The Access Fund:** This is a national, non-profit, climber's organization that works to maintain access to climbing areas nationwide. Climbers can join The Access Fund by mailing an annual, tax-deductible donation of \$35 or more to: The Access Fund, P.O. Box 17010, Boulder, CO 80308, or calling 888-8MEMBER or giving it to the AMC Club Treasurer to be sent to The Access Fund in your name. A donation of \$35 or more is needed to receive Vertical Times, The Access Fund newsletter. One can also join electronically at [https:// www.accessfund.org/join](https://www.accessfund.org/join)

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## Library

You must be an AMC member; i. e., your name must be on the most current membership list.

The circulation period is one month. Materials are due at the next general club meeting. The overdue fine is \$2 per title per month. Please contact the librarian if unable to return your books and tapes.

The circulation limit is three titles per person. One of these may be a videotape, for which a \$50 deposit is required. Each guidebook requires a \$25 deposit.

## Newsletter

The Arizona Mountaineer is published monthly by the AMC. Members are encouraged to submit articles and photos about their climbing- or mountaineering-related activities. Submit items for publication (subject to approval) to: AMC Editor through email to [azmountaineer@gmail.com](mailto:azmountaineer@gmail.com). Digital photos should preferably be in JPG format. Articles can be in any standard word processing format. For more info call or write the editor at (480)-688-5412, [azmountaineer@gmail.com](mailto:azmountaineer@gmail.com).

Advertising in the Arizona Mountaineer 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.

**MAR-APR NL Deadline: 19 JAN**

## Birthdays

**January:** Marcela Niemczyk, Cynthia Arellano, Cathy Wise, Bill Fallon, Jeffrey Baum, Jodie Bostrom, Jack Carlson, Rich Kocher, Monica Miller, Barbara Dupaul, Suzanne Cook, Haiwen Meng, Christopher Meyer, Dick Severson, Karen Stafford

**February:** Fox Stone, Sutton Demlong, William Kirsch, Scott Frankel, Jeff Crosby, Troy Lucas, Julie Dehlin, Kurt Gusinde, John Julian, David Cameron, Khanh Doan, Michael Faux, Daniel Gonzales, Linda Kriegel, Douglas Roill, Christine Bolick, Steven Wolpert, Andrew Baumgardner, Kyle Brayer, John Gray, Kathryne Nason, Robert Valenzuela, Tristan Wimmer, Shelley Evans, Robert Lea, Paul Schaaf, Nick Beckham

# Discount Directory

These merchants offer a discount to AMC members:

- **Arizona Hiking Shack** - 11645 N. Cave Creek Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85020, (602) 944-7723. 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. Gym membership 10% off for AMC members.
- **Phoenix Rock Gym** - 1353 E. University, Tempe, AZ 85281. 480-921-8322. 10% off membership to AMC members.
- **AZ Cliffhanger** - at the Phoenix Rock Gym. 480-642-9507. 10% off membership to AMC members.
- **Climbmax Gym** - 1330 W Auto Dr, Suite 112, Tempe, AZ 85284 - 480-626-7755. 10% off membership, Grand Opening 15% off through 4/30.
- **APE Index Rock Climbing Gym** - 9700 N. 91st Ave Suite 118 Peoria 85345 Phone 623-242-9164 10% discount for Day Pass and Membership. Show AMC Membership card.

# Rental Equipment

<b>EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>Qty</b>	<b>\$Dep</b>	<b>1-3day</b>	<b>4-7day</b>
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

Call Bruce McHenry at (602) 952-1379 for information on how to rent AMC equipment.

# Treasurer's Report

## Arizona Mountaineering Club Income Statement Period Ended December 31, 2010

### INCOME

Advertising.....	200.00
Dues 2009 .....	5,708.65
Interest.....	28.07
Mountaineering Schools .....	550.00
Rental Equipment.....	256.00
Anchors .....	3,331.96
ORC .....	11,360.02
<u>Lead.....</u>	<u>1,875.00</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>23,309.70</b>

### EXPENSES

Admin .....	3,656.14
T-Shirts.....	472.07
Capital Expenditures .....	69.02
Equipment Maintenance .....	18.29
Insurance .....	856.00
Land Advocacy .....	914.83
Newsletter .....	1109.50
Outings.....	140.03
Outing Leaders.....	502.5
Programs Monthly Meeting .....	3,034.44
<u>Training.....</u>	<u>5,695.09</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>16,467.91</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL.....</b>	<b>6,841.79</b>

### ACCOUNT BALANCES

Checking .....	10,949.59
<u>CD Account .....</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS .....</b>	<b>25,949.59</b>
<u>AMC Outing Gear.....</u>	<u>3,467.43</u>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL .....</b>	<b>29,417.02</b>

# AMC Board Minutes - January 10, 2011

Board Members Present: Bill Fallon, Kate Nason, Erik Filsinger, Eric Evans, Kim McCintic, John Gray, Steven Crane, Curtis Stone.

Call to Order: Bill Fallon called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes: The Minutes of the December 6, 2010 meeting of the Board were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted. The review constituted a year-end 2010 review of financials for the corporation.

Committee Reports:

Programs –

- Programs – There was a discussion of potential upcoming meeting topics.
- Outings – Snow Skills class and other outings were mentioned.
- T&S – Chair Bill Fallon is reviewing the venues for Spring rock classes. Erik will contact City of Scottsdale for Preserve permits.
- Land Advocacy. Chair Erik Filsinger discussed potential access issues created by the year-long Tom's Thumb trail head construction process. The Board authorized Erik to explore the potential of maintaining some temporary access during the construction process versus total closure, which is on the table as a potential way to deal with all of the complexities.

Curtis Stone is coordinating the AMC booth at the McDowell Sonoran Challenge. Erik has begun coordinating with the MSC and REI on an Adopt-A-Crag event in the Spring.

- Web Site – The Technology Committee presented an overview of its goals for the web site and other electronic media. The link to club documents on the web site was re-established.

The Technology Committee should submit a statement of its mission and scope to the Board. It will have oversight over all electronic media and communications of the AMC.

Old Business:

- Bill presented the slate of candidates from Elections Chair John Keedy. During the Board meeting two other candidates were identified. Consistent with the direction of the By-Laws, the Board finalized the ballot for the January Member Meeting election. John will distribute absentee ballots.
- Club docs – John Gray is working through past AMC newsletters to identify AMC Policies that might have been adopted.
- Eric Evans received feedback and commented on moving the AMC membership database to Google docs.
- Outing Leader Approval process. Eric Evans will present via email a new Outing Leader Approval Process. The Board may conduct an electronic meeting concerning the proposed policy prior to the next Board meeting.
- Bill will investigate venues for the Spring rock climbing schools.

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- Bill will send out a reminder to all OL's to use, complete and submit the Activity Waivers for all official AMC outings to the Secretary.

### New Business:

- Erik reviewed the status of a Spring-time Adopt-A-Crag offered in conjunction with REI and MSC. It will involve building the climbers' trail to Hog Heaven during the morning and climbing at Morrells Parking Area in the afternoon. The Board authorized this activity.
- Erik discussed the annual AMC Birthday Party. There was a discussion of various venues and the Board selected Pinnacle Peak Park, specifically Cactus Flower and Y-Crack. Susan Harnage will be asked to coordinate the social side of the event and Erik will coordinate the climbing.
- The Board noted the year-end AMC OL Activity report and authorized Rogil to offer free dues to those OL's who had accumulated 4 credits during 2010.
- There was a discussion of adding to the AMC learning experiences and to implement the prior work done on the Advanced Climbing Seminars (ACS). John will share past materials with potential parties interested in taking the lead to re-invigorate this series of classes and experiences.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

## Access Update on Queen Creek

Fellow AMC members:

We wanted to update you on the latest news concerning Queen Creek and the Land Exchange. The AMC has taken a position of opposition to the Land Exchange, but as stated on its web site in its policy statement on Queen Creek, <http://www.amcaz.org/access.asp>, there is a long history and at some point the AMC Board may revisit its official position and potentially not oppose the Land Exchange if a negotiated settlement can be achieved that is sufficiently beneficial given the then present facts. The AMC was a founding member of the Queen Creek Coalition and has continued to support the QCC as its negotiating entity. Here is an update from the QCC on the latest information it has on Queen Creek and the Land Exchange.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to direct them to Erik Filsinger ([smorefil@aol.com](mailto:smorefil@aol.com)) or John Keedy ([jwkeedy@cox.net](mailto:jwkeedy@cox.net)), AMC Land Advocacy Chair and Vice Chair, respectively.

UPDATE FROM QUEEN CREEK COALITION

For more information about the Queen Creek Coalition (QCC), please visit [www.theqcc.org](http://www.theqcc.org).  
Greetings Friends!

The QCC has been carefully monitoring the progress of the land exchange legislation and continuing to negotiate with Resolution Copper Mining, LLC (RCM) as part of our mission

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to maximize climbing opportunities in the Queen Creek area. The next few months will likely have significant developments with regards to the legislation and our negotiations, so we wanted to provide the climbing community with an update as to what is likely to happen and how we have been preparing for this.

General news:

In late June 2010, QCC was incorporated under the Arizona Nonprofit Corporation Act (ANCA), in order to: 1) ensure the continuity of QCC as an organization; 2) to allow donations to QCC to be tax-deductible to the donor and tax-free to QCC; and 3) to allow QCC to hold assets in its own name. As a nonprofit corporation, QCC is and will continue to be operated for the benefit of the climbing public. You may be aware that many public charities benefiting climbers (such as the Access Fund) are organized as not-for-profit corporations. Shortly after QCC was incorporated we established a new website, theqcc.org. We are in the process of building a new website that will soon be going live. In the interim, you can still find information about QCC, its mission, and its activities at our new address. We will continue to post meeting minutes and developments in our correspondence with RCM here.

In addition to our attempts to secure an agreement with RCM, QCC is also working with local officials to promote rock climbing in the Queen Creek area. In November, QCC officers met with representatives of the Town of Superior, Arizona, including Mayor Michael Hing, and laid out the fundamentals of a long term working relationship that will benefit the Town as well as the climbing community.

One of QCC's current priorities is to increase the size and diversity of its Board. We are pleased to announce that two new Board members were added in December: Geir Hundal of Tucson , Arizona and Tina Behrens of Phoenix , Arizona . We look forward to adding more Directors in the coming months.

Update on the proposed agreement with RCM:

In June 2010, QCC began working on a new proposed agreement on climbing issues with RCM. This agreement would provide for: 1) changes to the terms of the existing license agreement pursuant to which climbing is allowed at RCM-owned areas Atlantis and The Pond; 2) expansion of the Pond and Atlantis licensed areas; 3) additional licensed areas in Euro Dog Valley and the Mine Area; 4) provision for long-term maintenance of several regional access roads; 5) development of the Tam O'Shanter climbing area; and 6) funding for other regional access initiatives. This proposed agreement would contain significant improvements upon prior drafts that had been exchanged between QCC and RCM. The cost for this would be that QCC would endorse RCM's proposed legislation pursuant to the agreement.

The QCC delivered its draft agreement to RCM on July 28, 2010. Approximately two weeks later, at the request of RCM for additional information, QCC delivered detailed area maps to

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RCM. In early September, RCM advised QCC that it had completed a preliminary review of QCC's proposal and would give feedback shortly. QCC has remained in contact with RCM and is currently waiting for their feedback.

Some delay in this recent round of negotiations may have resulted from changes both at RCM and in Congress. By late August, predictions that the Democrats were going to lose their majority in the U.S. House of Representatives began to be widely circulated. In September, RCM CEO David Salisbury announced he was leaving RCM and that a transition process had begun. In the November elections the Democrats lost their majority. It is difficult to know what effect these changes and the last-minute maneuvering during the lame-duck session of Congress have had on the timing or content of RCM's as-yet-undelivered response. RCM continues to assure QCC that it intends to work with us. QCC remains hopeful that an agreement can be reached that will furnish significant benefits for Queen Creek climbers beyond what is written in the legislation.

In the absence of such a supplemental agreement, the proposed land exchange legislation does not provide climbers with compensation sufficient to justify QCC's support of the legislation. Until and unless an agreement is reached, QCC remains opposed to the land exchange.

Update on the status of the land exchange legislation:

To this point, climbers have been fortunate in that circumstances outside of our control have delayed the progress of the legislation. Former Rep. Renzi's troubles and Rep. Raul Grijalva's ability to delay the legislation in committee are examples. During this time hardworking, dedicated climbers have expended much energy trying to change the legislation for the better of the climbing community. Despite these efforts, there have been few gains specific to climbing written into the legislation, while the likelihood of it passing has risen significantly.

There is much at stake if we take the stance that climbers can stop the legislation and we have misjudged. We will lose the Mine Area, Oak Flat, Euro Dog, and access to Apache Leap as soon as RCM declares such. The license for continued climbing on RCM land will be at risk, and climbers will be left with no assistance from RCM for Northern, Upper, or Lower Devils Canyon, Tam O'Shanter, the Homestead, or any other regional climbing. The exchange has the overwhelming support of Arizona politicians including the Arizona Congressional delegation, most of whom have acted as its sponsors. Environmentalists, Native Americans and those concerned with recreation in the Oak Flat vicinity, including rock climbers, have made their appeals to these leaders, but except for Tucson's Rep. Raul Grijalva, none has been convinced. Both of Arizona's Senators are sponsors of the legislation. In the recently-ended 111th Congress (2009-10), with the Obama administration paying more

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attention than its predecessor to environmental concerns raised by the proposed exchange, Sen. McCain brokered a compromise in which pre-exchange NEPA review was incorporated into the legislation. This helped the exchange sail through the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, where it had been languishing. Like many other land bills, it never came up for a vote in the full Senate. Note that McCain's efforts here were a compromise; there are those in the Senate who would be quite happy to have the NEPA provision removed. This is a fact that those who demand a “full NEPA” should keep in mind given the change in the make-up of both chambers in the current/next Congress.

The exchange will be introduced again in the 112th Congress. The bill likely will be identical to the one reported favorably out of committee in the Senate. If so, the bill will include a NEPA review prior to the final approval of the land exchange and RCM's Mining Plan of Operations. Some have argued that the bill's provision for a three-year, time-limited NEPA review process is something less than a full NEPA review, but many Republican legislators are opposed to including any NEPA provisions. The exchange will be introduced again in the 112th Congress. The bill likely will be identical to the one reported favorably out of committee in the Senate. That is good news for those who realize that, if the choices are “limited” NEPA or no NEPA, “limited” NEPA is better. The news is less good for climbers, since it would mean that 1) the definition of the Pond parcel will be the same (we would like it to be larger); and 2) the \$1.25 million that originally was intended to benefit climbers will remain in the bill as money to be spent by the Forest Service on “dispersed recreation” in the area, which may or may not result in a direct benefit to climbers.

As before, this bill will have the support of both of Arizona's powerful Senators. In fact, Sen. McCain is so strongly in favor of it that he has threatened to block all land legislation until it passes the full Senate. It is likely the bill to be passed through Committee and sent to the full Senate once again.

The big difference we will see is in the House. With the Republicans now having a majority, they will chair committees and sub-committees. The House Committee to which such bills are assigned (National Parks, Forests and Public Lands), has been chaired in recent years by Rep. Grijalva. The new Chairman is will likely be the Ranking Member in the previous Congress, Utah Rep. Rob Bishop, (who in 2009 you may remember that he labeled as “tyranny” the Obama administration's move to block uranium mining near the Grand Canyon). You can expect him to be friendly to this exchange and to move it along in the House, rather than block it, as Rep. Grijalva was able to do.

In short, it is likely that the land exchange will finally pass and become law in 2011.

We are aware that some of our former colleagues, who now call themselves the “Concerned Climbers of Arizona,” will continue to enlist your support, ask you to write letters and to

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fight what they see as the good fight. We are not going to discourage anyone from doing that. But understand you are preaching to the choir, among yourselves. The fact that this exchange was in some last-minute land packages but not in others in the recent lame-duck session had nothing to do with impassioned letters and everything to do with arm-wrestling among some of the most powerful members of the United States Senate.

If the land exchange passes in 2011 (and it probably will), the only way climbers will get anything more than what is provided for in the legislation will be if the QCC can obtain it for them. It is important to realize that climbers are in no position to demand “no subsidence” from RCM or Congress. We will see a reminder of this when the new legislation rolls out with the same provisions for climbers as last year. It may not be the way you want the world to be, and we would be thrilled to have the status quo continue, were it possible, but it is the political reality.

Ultimately the QCC cares about maximizing climbing opportunities in the Queen Creek region. It is likely that some of these will be lost. We are determined to maintain access to as much as possible and to help develop new areas. Queen Creek is an area every member of the Board cares deeply about: the QCC Board includes Queen Creek’s guidebook author, prominent and prolific Queen Creek route developers, a former Access Fund regional representative, and past Presidents of the Arizona Mountaineering Club. We are acting and will continue to act in climbers’ best interests.

## Help Wanted

**Help is needed to manage/publish the newsletter.**

### **Requirements:**

- **Plenty of available time and desire to make the newsletter better**
- **Experience with Microsoft Publisher, Adobe InDesign or QuarkXpress**
- **Experience with Photo Editing software: Photoshop Elements, PhotoShop, Aperture ...**

**Please contact Robert at [azmountaineer@gmail.com](mailto:azmountaineer@gmail.com)**

# Alpine Rock

On a beautiful winter day in Phoenix – a chilly 65 degrees – 6 AMCers successfully completed the AMC Alpine Rock Seminar. This hands-on field seminar is for folks with solid rock climbing skills who may be interested in taking their adventures into alpine and mountainous conditions. Topics covered included: Mountain terrain, weather, altitude, judgment, equipment, and team considerations. Field exercises included alpine rope work, route finding, alpine considerations for anchoring and belaying, and alternatives for descending were discussed and demonstrated. Silent communication was shown and practiced. A final session covered assessment of avalanche conditions and practicing the use and recovery of avalanche beacons. Students enjoyed the day and found that climbing and down climbing as part of a rope team, while wearing packs and mountaineering boots, and using a running belay is quite a challenge even on a 5.3 route.

Congratulation to the graduates for Alpine Rock!

## **Students**

Andy Baumgardner

David Wermuth

Tyler Sharp

John Rague

Greg Crook

Mike Koehlmoos

## **Instructors**

John Gray

Bruce McHenry

# Lead Climbing School - Arizona Mountaineering Club - Spring 2011

This is an advanced climbing class. Even if you don't plan on leading, you will learn much about the dynamics of climbing, and it will make you a safer climber. Protecting a climb is a different skill from climbing itself. We will talk about the dynamics of lead falls, how to prepare for a climb, the differences between single-pitch and multi-pitch, and the differences between clipping bolts and placing natural pro. There will be no "true" lead climbs during the class, but we will provide simulated leading exercises.

Class curriculum:

Tue	Lecture, slide show: introduction, the lead fall, equipment
Wed	Lecture, slide show: equipment (continued); the process and techniques of leading
Thu	Lecture, slide show: multi-pitch techniques, the descent, leader rescue, aid climbing
Sat	Hands-on practice: natural pro placement (Prescott)
Sun	Hands-on practice: leading on bolts (Prescott or Scottsdale)

Class schedule:

Feb 15	Tuesday	6:30 pm–9:30 pm	*Chateau de Vie 5 Clubhouse, Scottsdale, AZ
Feb 16	Wednesday	6:30 pm–9:30 pm	Chateau de Vie 5 Clubhouse, Scottsdale, AZ
Feb 17	Thursday	6:30 pm–9:30 pm	Chateau de Vie 5 Clubhouse, Scottsdale, AZ
Feb 19	Saturday	9:00 am–5:00 pm	Prescott (directions will be in syllabus)
Feb 20	Sunday	9:00 am–5:00 pm	Prescott or Scottsdale (directions will be in syllabus)

\*North Mountain Park is located at Peoria and 7th St, 5 miles north of Camelback on 7th St. Turn west into the park. The Yavapai Ramada is the last one on the loop just before you exit the park.

Experience required: Preferably, AMC Outdoor Rock Climbing School and AMC Anchors School or equivalent experience. This includes knowing how to tie a variety of knots, belay, rappel, prusik and set anchors.

Cost: \$75 plus membership if not already a member (Single membership is \$30, Family is \$35). Membership is good through Dec., 2010. Register on the AMC web site using PayPal or by sending a check payable to 'AMC Lead School' to PO Box 11883, Tempe, AZ, 85284. The registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel. Contact Nancy Birdwell by email: [amcleadschool@gmail.com](mailto:amcleadschool@gmail.com) for more info.

The number of students is limited to 30.

Equipment required for the class:

The following will not be needed the first night. You may want to listen to the gear lectures before making purchases.

1. All climbing gear (harness, prusiks, biners, etc.)
2. Helmet—mandatory for all on-rock sessions
3. Specifically needed:
  - 2 20' slings (untied length), preferably different colors
  - 2 10' slings (untied length), preferably different colors
  - Nut pick
  - Quickdraws with biners—at least 5 per person
  - All pro that you own, which may include cams, hexes, wired nuts, Tri-cams, etc.
  - Consider combining with another person to have enough gear
4. Hiking boots or shoes with stiff soles for Saturday, climbing shoes for Sunday
5. Optional: kneepads for Saturday (\$3–6 at Home Depot, \$5 volleyball pads at sporting goods stores)

For more information: Visit the Arizona Mountaineering Club website at [www.amcaz.org](http://www.amcaz.org).



# **ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST**

**Categories:**

**Scenic**

**Rock Climbing**

**Alpine/ Ice**

**Canyoneering**

**Humor**

**Prizes will be awarded.  
Must be a member to Enter.**

**Guests are welcome.  
Annual Club elections will be  
held this evening as well**

**When: Monday, 24th January  
Location: Granite Reef Senior Center  
1700 N. Granite Reef Rd., Scottsdale  
Time: 7:00 PM- 9:00PM**

## February Member Meeting - "THE OTHER MOUNTAINS"



Bill and Erik on Mt Baker

While climbers and mountaineers know all about the Famous peaks, some times there are equally good but less traveled peaks nearby of equal or greater value. Erik Filsinger will present a talk on the "Other Mountains" of the world – great peaks that don't receive many accolades, except from climbers who favor the road less traveled. And he will share some stories of his ascents of nearby Others.

Erik Filsinger has been climbing for over three decades and particularly enjoys technical alpine rock, but has broad experience in rock, snow and ice climbing. He has climbed over 200 mountains in North America and Europe. Erik's association with the AMC began in the early 1990's and soon afterwards he helped form the AMC's Mountaineering Committee, which he chaired for over 5 years. He has been a past AMC President and Secretary and has served as the AMC's Land Advocacy Chair, most recently helping secure a solid future for rock climbing in the McDowell Sonoran Preserve.

Please join us for what promises to be an interesting evening. Guests are welcome.

When: Monday, 28th February  
Location: Granite Reef Senior Center  
1700 N. Granite Reef Rd., Scottsdale  
Time: 7:00 PM- 9:00PM

# Election Announcement

The Arizona Mountaineering Club slate of candidates running for Officer and Director positions for 2011 was approved by the Board of Directors and is as follows:

- President – Bill Fallon
- VP – John Gray
- Treasurer – Curtis Stone
- Secretary – Kim McClintic
- Directors – Four slots open:
  - Danny Gonzales
  - Bruce McHenry
  - Steven Crane
  - Jutta Ulrich
  - Gretchen Hawkins

The Election will be held at the January AMC Membership meeting on  
January 24 at 7:00 PM at the Granite Reef Senior Center  
1700 N. Granite Reef Rd., Scottsdale, 85257

All 2011 AMC members are eligible to vote. Please plan to attend.

# 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 Birdwell at (602) 770-8326.

## Outing Leader

## Contact Info

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Robert England .....	480-688-5412	robert_england2@yahoo.com
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# Calendar of Events - Outings/Schools/Events

**Jan 12, 15-16 - Glacier Travel, Snow Skills, Crevasse Rescue Seminar** - Space is limited. To signup contact lead instructor Bruce McHenry at [bamchenry@att.net](mailto:bamchenry@att.net)

**Feb 15, 16, 17, 19, 20** - Lead School

**March 5 - AMC Birthday Party at Pinnacle Peak Park.** Sign-Up through Meet-Up web site. Top rope climbing at Cactus Flower and Y-Crack. Erik Filsinger will serve as OL with additional OL's involved. Contact Erik at [smorefil@aol.com](mailto:smorefil@aol.com) for more details.

**April 9 - AMC-REI-MSC Adopt-A-Crag at McDowells.** Sign-Up through Meet-Up web site. Build climbers' trail to Hog Heaven. Climbing at Morrells Parking Area afterwards. Erik Filsinger will serve as OL with additional OL's involved. Contact Erik at [smorefil@aol.com](mailto:smorefil@aol.com) for more details.

*Footnotes: Car-pooling is optional on all outings and is not part of the outing. The outing begins at the trailhead designated by the Outing Leader and ends at the same place. Each participant should bring a First Aid kit. If you leave the outing, with or without the leader's permission, you are considered to be on your own until you rejoin the group. Each participant will be required to sign an AMC Activity Release Form at the beginning of the outing. Participation in AMC outings requires club membership. Outings vary in degree of danger. When you participate in an outing you should be both physically and mentally prepared and equipped with the appropriate gear. You should always be aware of the risks involved in outdoor activities and conduct yourselves accordingly. The Outing Leader is not responsible for your safety; you are. Please contact the Outing Leader before going on an outing, discussing your capabilities with the Outing Leader. You must be over 18 years of age to participate, or must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult, and obtain prior consent from the Outing Leader. Those accompanying minors are responsible for the minor's safety.*

## 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. If you wish to participate you should be physically and mentally prepared with the appropriate gear and should contact the member planning the outing. You are responsible for your own safety, not the person leading the outing. You should always be aware of the risks involved in outdoor activities and conduct yourself accordingly.*

**Mondays**      **Ape Index Gym Climbing - AMC Members \$10 admission with ID card.**  
**Rogil Schroeter (623) 512-8465**

**Wednesdays**      **North Mountain hikes after work. Rogil Schroeter (623) 512-8465**

**Saturday, 26th February - Annual Superstition Ridgeline Hike** - This is a very strenuous 12 mile hike. If you are an experience hiker and would like to participate in this please contact Rogil at [Rogil@cox.net](mailto:Rogil@cox.net) or 623-512-8465 before 2/18/11.

## Member Advertisement

House for sale near Shea and SR-51, 1 block from the mountain preserve. 2200 sq ft, 3 bd, 2 ba on 1/3 acre. Clean and well-maintained, move-in ready. Call 602-705-4600 for details

# January 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9	10 Board Mtg	11	12 Glac. TvI Sunrise: 7:33 Sunset: 17:39 M-set: 00:42	13	14	15 Glacier Travel and Snow Skills
16 Glacier Travel and Snow Skills	17	18	19 Sunrise: 7:31 Sunset: 17:46 M-rise: 17:59	20	21	22
23/30	24/31	25	26 Sunrise: 7:28 Sunset: 17:52 M-rise: 00:52	27	28	29

# February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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20 Lead	21	22	23 Sunrise: 7:05 Sunset: 18:19 M-rise: 22:37	24 	25	26 Superstition Ridge- line Hike
27	28 Member Mtg					



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