

AMC Basic Rock Climbing student,  
Cynthia Lim, on the  
Sven Towers III grad climb.  
Photo: Dave McClintic



# The Arizona Mountaineer

December 2013



# 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).

# The Arizona Mountaineering Club

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:amcaznewsletter@gmail.com) by the 1st of the month prior to the month to be published.

## SUBMISSIONS DUE ON DECEMBER 1ST FOR JANUARY NEWSLETTER SEND TO: [AMCAZNEWSLETTER@GMAIL.COM](mailto: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 October 2013

#### INCOME

Advertising	0.00
Dues	4,938.00
Grants Received	0.00
Interest	22.45
Mountaineering Schools	1,190.00
Rental Equipment	263.00
AARS Fall	1,425.00
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	5.00
Merchandise & Other	2,982.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>26,665.45</b>

#### EXPENSES

Admin	2,153.68
Promotional	2,159.34
Bank chgs	642.26
Capital Expenditures	0.00
Equipment Maintenance	27.61
Grants Expended	0.00
Insurance	1,220.00
Land Advocacy Committee	75.70
Library	0.00
Newsletter	1,074.38
Outings	73.59
Outing Leaders	250.00
Programs Monthly Meeting	2,014.94
Training	7,486.60
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>17,178.10</b>

**OVERALL TOTAL 9,487.35**

#### ACCOUNT BALANCES

Checking & PayPal	24,848.17
Accounts Receivable	0.00
CD Account	15,000.00
<b>TOTAL CASH ASSETS</b>	<b>39,848.17</b>
AMC Outing Gear	0.00
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>39,848.17</b>

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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](http://www.hikingshack.com). Show your AMC membership card and get a 15% 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 - November 4, 2013

Call to order: Bill Fallon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Board members absent: John Gray, Mike Lust

Minutes: The Minutes of the October 14, 2013 Board meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's Report for October 2013 was approved.

### Committee Reports:

Membership – The current number of dues paid members stands at 302.

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

Outings – Recent: Basic School – Oct. 15,17,19,20,22,24,26 – Bill  
QC Cleanup – Nov. 2 – Tiina Perlman, Dave McClintic  
Watson Lake, Timezone Wall – Nov. 3 – Curtis Stone

Upcoming: Advanced Self Rescue Seminar – Nov. 9, repeat Nov. 10 – Erik, Cheryl  
Anchors School – Nov 12, 14, 16, 17 – Eric Evans  
Thanksgiving at J-Tree – Nov. 26 – Dec. 1 – Tiina Perlman & Dave McClintic  
Alpine Rock – Dec 7 – Erik Filsinger  
AMC Holiday Party – Fri Dec.13 – Need a coordinator.

Land Advocacy – Erik gave an update on news concerning Queen Creek. Erik informed the Board about 2013 Land Advocacy donations.

Mountaineering – Erik stated that attendance at the Alpine Seminar Series was good. Other activities include monthly offerings will include Alpine Rock, Winter Camping, Ice Climbing, Glacier Travel and Snow Skills.

Canyoneering – No report. Bill will follow-up on insurance coverage.

## AMC Board Minutes - November 4, 2013 (continued)

T & S – Bill reviewed the Fall rock climbing schools.

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

Technology Team – No report.

### New Business

Year-end actions re. 2013 Budget – Bill obtained Board approval to approach the Membership about a \$1,200 budget override for T&S.

Finalize proposed 2014 Budget. The Board approved a motion to forward the Proposed 2014 Budget to the membership for voting and formal approval at the December 2013 Member meeting.

Advanced Climbing Seminars planning – David Sampson gave the Board an update on the A.C.S. activities.

### Old Business

2014 Elections planning – No report. An article will be placed in the next newsletter reminding members about potential openings and qualifications.

AMC 50th Birthday Celebration planning - Douglas Matson is going to lead the rock climbing portion of the Birthday Party and will solicit Outing Leader assistance. Erik Filsinger will provide back-up support on the climbing and will be the contact with the City of Scottsdale for any permitting and publicity. Several additional AMC members will be contacted about planning the celebration side of the event.

OL apprentice process, qualification & outing policy changes. David Sampson will bring back the proposed changes to the next Board meeting.

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 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
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>25,585.00</b>

### 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
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>25,585.00</b>

## 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](mailto: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 2013 Fall Basic School



March was a busy month with AMC's hallmark Fall Basic Outdoor Rock Climbing School. The weather is usually pretty good for the Fall classes, but this year was PERFECT, setting the stage for another great Basic School with 32 eager students and the usual motley (and invaluable) crew of volunteer instructors.

Saturday in the McDowells at the Sven Slab practice area was a work day with Bill cracking the whip to make sure everyone got through all the mandatory stations including the big rappels and the top belays. Except for lack of shade at lunch time and Stephanie's banged-up knee, the day went well. Of course there was the last "mandatory" station to visit at Greasewood Flat, a fun finish to a long, but productive day.

Sunday took us to Queen Creek and Magma Garden. Thirty two more people have now learned never to follow Bill as he lead the group on the seriously "scenic" route from the small parking area by the mine gate up the wash and eventually up to Magma Garden. Apart from the extra hiking, it was a great day climbing in QC with time for students and instructors to test their mettle and have some fun.

Tuesday and Thursday took us the PRG and the infamous self-rescue exercises. Many thanks to B'Etta and Drew for coming early and crawling around in the ridiculously dusty ironworks to set our ropes and going back up at the end of the night to drop them. All of us old-timers missed Rogil's "mother of all prusik" demonstrations, but it must be said that Adam did a great job in her stead.

The finale came on Saturday with seven grad climbs and the famous Grad Party at Ron and  
arizonamountaineeringclub.org 9

## AMC 2013 Fall Basic School

Ruth's house (thank you guys!!!). Everyone survived their grad climb and we had another really fun party to cap off the day and another Basic School. Many thanks to the Outing Leaders for making these grad climbs happen – Frank Vers (the Hand), Dave McClintic (Sven Tower III), Steven Crane (Sven Tower II), Curtis Stone and John Keedy (Rosetta Stone), Jeff Nagel (Hanging Gardens), Douglas Matson and David Sampson (Jacuzzi Spire), and Bill Fallon (Crying Dino).

It's possible that I've said this before, but this was maybe the best class yet. Everyone was on time every day, completely engaged, working hard and climbing well. Several people even did their homework (OMG!). The food was great – can't beat pizza – and at the end of the day the ropes were all coiled really well (these guys know how to make Bill happy!). It just doesn't get any better, except maybe to follow up with more climbing.

Thanks to all the new Basic Grads and the terrific AMC instructors who come out and make this traditional AMC Basic School a success. You guys are the greatest!!!

~Bill Fallon

### **Basic Students:**

Marcia Banks, Miranda Beck, Ana Bentancur, Laura Bowers, Jeff Clevenger, Paul Couture, Diane Faraone, Lisa Gilbert (Smith), Will Golz, Ivanka Grambelova, Sarah Grant, Jeff Grenevitch, Casey Harrison, Daniel Johnson, Stephanie Johnson, Lauren Lea, John Ligas, Cynthia Lim, Debbie Lippincott, Tim Mayner, Michael Nicholas, Chris Opitz, Elizabeth Pedersen, Leonardo Ramirez, Bryan Rood, Carlee Schmidt, Zachary Schwager, Tom Seeley, Jamie Shirleson, Zachary Smith, Siddharth Tiwari, Pawel Zurek

### **Instructors:**

David Anderson, Ronald Auerbach, Ernie Babich, Cheryl Beaver, Anthony Cadorin, Drew Calaci, David Cameron, Christopher Canevit, Heather Canevit, Thad Colgrove, Steven Crane, Peter Ekama, B'Etta Euler, Malia Euler, Eric Evans, Bill Fallon, Lynn Folden, Greg Frantz, Jaci Frantz, Daniel Gonzales, John Gray, Dorothea Jackson, John Keedy, Tim Lange, Paul Laughlin, Mike Lust, Nancy Lust, Janette Madsen, Douglas Matson, Erin Matson, David McClintic, Kim McClintic, Jeffrey Nagel, Laura Nagy, Scott Nagy, Jessica Nalewjka, Daniel Panopio, Chara Price, Deborah Roether, David Sampson, Rogil Schroeter, Adam Sprenger, Corrina Sprenger, Curtis Stone, Angela Storey, Gavin Storey, Murthy Tata, Frank Vers, Damon Williams, Dan Williams, Jordan Williams

*Thanks to all the photographers for uploading photos to the meetup site.*

*To see more great photos go to: <http://www.meetup.com/Arizona-Mountaineering-Club/photos/>*

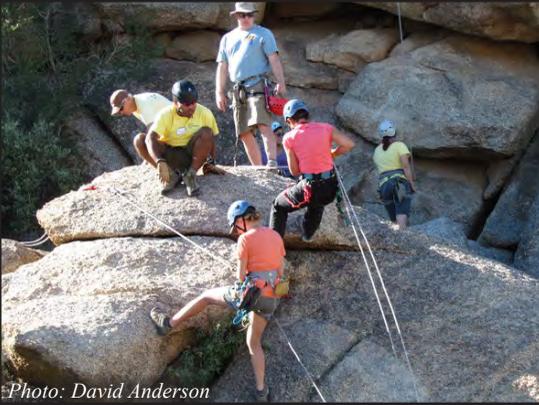


Photo: David Anderson



Photo: Murthy Tata



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Photo: Steven Crane



Photo: Tony Cadorin



Photo: Dave McClintic

## GRAND CANYON: CAPE ROYAL RIM TO RIM

May 23, 2013

On this trip, I rappelled off of Cape Royal, on the North Rim, descended over days to the Colorado River, hitched a ride on a raft, and hiked up South Kaibab Trail. Not Pictured in this album is the feeling of leaning out on a single strand of webbing, over a cliff, hundreds of feet down, trying to see the bottom, to see if my rope reached, and seeing it snarled in a tree, on a tiny ledge, still 100 feet from the ground.

Not pictured is the sense of exploration, isolation, aloneness, from being where people have never been before, with your emergency locator (SPOT) no longer functioning.

Not pictured is the exhilaration of being on a cliff edge in a wind strong enough to kick me around, throwing a 375 foot rope off the cliff, between gusts, and having the wind throw it right back at me and snarl it up on the cliff just below my feet.

Not pictured is the daily sound of a large rock breaking loose somewhere pounding, echoing, smashing, cascading its way to a bottom somewhere with the world returning to silence, save the beating of a crow's wings passing by.

Not pictured is tying myself off on rappel, pulling myself through a tree-top growing on a tiny ledge, limb-by-limb, 150' from the ground, to reach a tangled rope, and having the wind rip me out of the tree, limbs in hand, and swing me out in the air.

Not pictured is the feeling when I pull the first of many ropes down, after rappel, knowing that there is now no going back. I have thousands of feet of cliffs to descend, and I must find a way.

Not pictured are the days of isolation, and now running low on water, headache, heat pressing me, with a 55 pound pack, believing that the signs I'm seeing tell me chances of finding a spring are increasing, but not knowing if I will find one. The feeling of satisfaction of following the many signs that lead me to a spring, not on any map, is almost as sweet as the taste of the water.

Not pictured is my approach to the day's last rappel, in near darkness, down a steep scree slope to a tree on the



*Sitting at my first rappel, at Cape Royal. My destination is the far horizon line.*



*Looking back up from where I came. Cape Royal is far out of sight now, behind the horizon line.*



*This is the land of "can't see the bottom", where every rappel is a surprise.*

## GRAND CANYON: CAPE ROYAL RIM TO RIM (continued)



*Looking for an anchor location.*



*Starting down a big drop and, typically, I can't see if my rope is on the bottom (it wasn't).*



*This is way up the S. Kaibab Trail, on the South Rim, near the end of my journey. I'm looking back at where I have come from, which is the far horizon line, in the center of the picture.*

edge of a cliff for my anchor, when a rattlesnake rattles in front of me, and I must make it to that tree.

Not pictured is the feeling of having started from Cape Royal, descending 6000 feet of cliffs, slippery scree slopes, brushy, steep, boulder-filled ravines, and suddenly seeing, just as a sliver, between narrow slot canyon walls, the emerald green, fast flowing Colorado River, and knowing that I have now made it from Cape Royal to the River.

Grand Canyon exploration is high risk. This trip was the result of a year of planning, research, working out what I thought was the most likely route to succeed, and an alternate route in case it didn't work (which I ended up taking), and a lot of help from friends and acquaintances in preparation. Do not try such a trip lightly. It will kill you.

But for those with a penchant for staying alive on a great adventure, Life Is Grand.

### TECHNICAL NOTES:

Gear: 375 ft. of 8.3 mm static rappel rope, 375 ft. of 6 mm pull chord, 160 feet of tan webbing, rap rings (sprayed olive green), one pulley, harness full of tricks, etc., high visibility lime-green and reflective vest, head lamp and SPOT on me at all times.

Rappels: 15 rappels ranging from about 40-300 feet. (13 from Cape Royal to set foot in the creek-bed of upper Vishnu Creek, 2 more to the Colorado River) multiple climb-downs, slide-downs, and occasional "bang-downs". No tent, no sleeping bag. Roll-up camping pad, bivy, Neo-Air mattress.

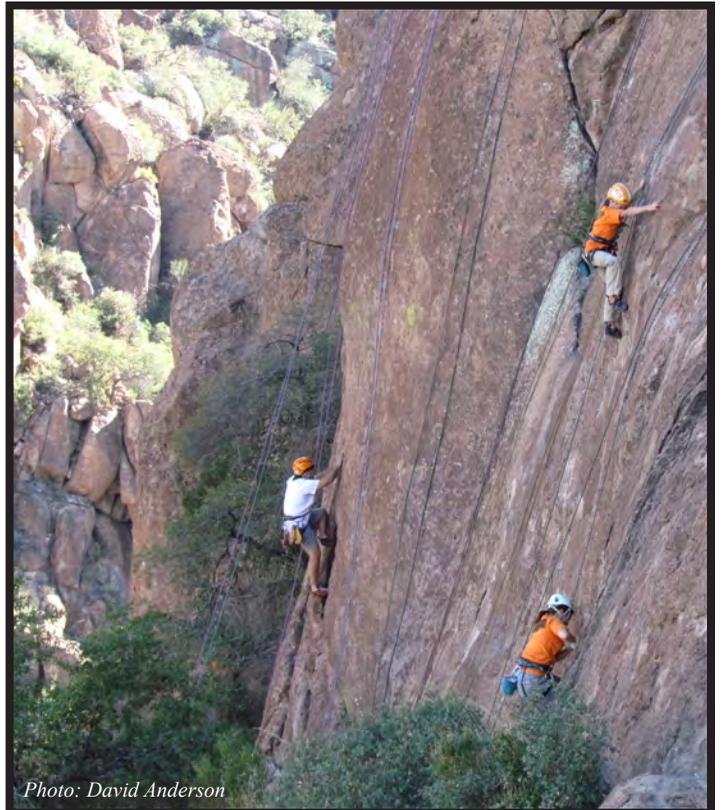
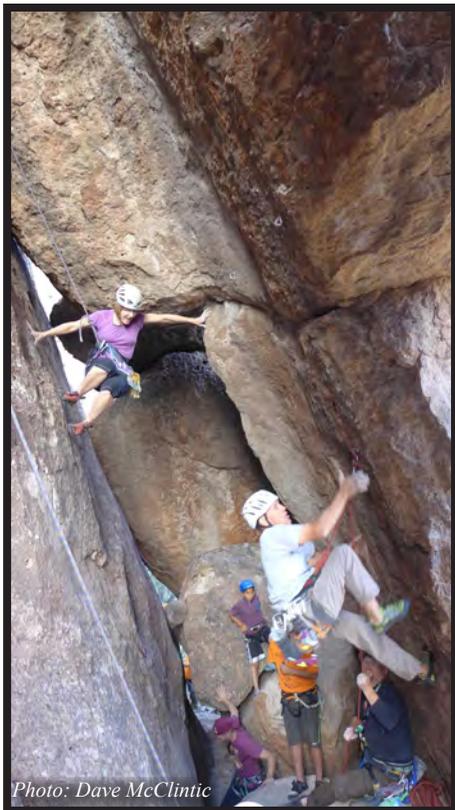
Ski suit, breathable rain suit, dehydrated food.

The day before this trip, I dropped down the first 3 rappels of this trip, with Deborah, and cached 5 quarts of water, then ascended those ropes back up to Cape Royal. It was a good thing we did.

More pics at: <https://drive.google.com/?tab=Xo&authuser=0#folders/0B37yZsON7AKqRDhjQXEyc1dydIU>

~David Anderson

# Queen Creek Fall Clean-up



# AMC 2013 Calendar

## DECEMBER

- 2 AMC Board Meeting
- 7 Alpine Rock Seminar
- 13 Holiday Party

## 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

**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/>**

## December Birthdays

Jessica Nalewjka 4, Shannon Flowers 7, Brian McHenry 8, Robert England 9,  
Jon Fallon 9, Pawel Zurek 11, Frank Fischer 12, James Kehoe 14,  
Jennifer Steyer 14, Janette Madsen 16, Al Potter 18, Cliff Littell 19, John Keedy 20,  
Philip Goebel 21, Paul Paonessa 21, Susan Harnage 24, Michael Nicholas 27

## Welcome New Members!

Ivanka Grambelova, Paul Couture, Damon Williams, Bryan Rood, Leonardo Ramirez, Janette Madsen, Lisa Gilbert (Smith), Jeff Clevenger, Lauren Lea, Robin Osterhoudt, Matt Loriss, Sean Young, Kelly Guido, Heidi Rood, Debbie Lippincott, Patricia Mansfield, Carlee Schmidt

# 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 will share the keys to moving efficiently in the alpine environment over rock sections. It will be 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



# 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)
- 7 AMC Member Meeting – Elections and photo contest, 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

## 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
- 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





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