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## That Time Again...

A message from President Jay Gibson

It's Fall and we're back to class after a great summer of fun in the wilds. The cool autumn weather is a great time to go backpacking, climbing, biking or do whatever interests you. As UC's outdoor club, The University of Cincinnati Mountaineering Club (UCMC) offers students the opportunity to experience the greatness of nature.

I encourage you to get out and take a trip with us. The Mountaineering Club has two important ingredients to get you out on a trip: first is our members -- a friendly and very knowledgeable bunch -- and second is our extensive inventory of outdoor gear. So, try something new or stay with an old favorite, and hopefully I will see you out there.

## UCMC Online

Yes, the Mountaineering Club has been caught in the Web!! Over the past year Jeremy Jarrett, Jerry Bargo, and Joe Lampe have helped to build one of the coolest home pages for the coolest outdoor club -- UCMC!! You can find our web page at

<http://ucunix.san.uc.edu/~jarrett/ucmc.html>

However, that address is temporary until we find "official", permanent space. We will keep you posted on the new address. Also, please feel free to send any articles, thoughts, and tidbits you wish to add to the page to Joe Lampe (the present "keeper of the vault") at

[lampejh@ucunix.san.uc.edu](mailto:lampejh@ucunix.san.uc.edu)

Jerry Bargo has been doing an excellent job keeping the UCMC emailing list up-to-date.

55 members are on the list. Jerry periodically sends cool Web bits and new member addresses to those on the list. To add your name to the list, mail Jerry at

[jbargo@carshp.carsinfo.com](mailto:jbargo@carshp.carsinfo.com)

Keep UCMC hiking strong on the information superhighway!!



## "Trips Coming Back???"

Ahh... the question posed at the end of every Mountaineering Club meeting: "Are there any trips coming back???" Club trips can be as simple as picnicking at a Cincinnati City Park, or as extensive as a two-month trip to the Alaskan wilderness. Some of the trips that club members have taken in the past few months include:

- ♦ backpacking in Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks
- ♦ rock climbing in Yosemite National Park
- ♦ scuba diving in Lake Michigan
- ♦ 3-week tour/backpacking in China
- ♦ backpacking in Costa Rica
- ♦ mountain biking in West Virginia
- ♦ Mt. Rainier mountaineering
- ♦ cycling along Maine's coastline

UCMC members also participate in annual trips. These include:

- ♦ whitewater rafting on the Ocoee River in Tennessee
- ♦ skiing in Timberline and Snowshoe, West Virginia
- ♦ enjoying the New Orleans Jazz Festival

No matter how close or far away, UCMC destinations always have some sort of "adventure" hidden away. Be sure to help us find these adventures: sign up for a trip today!! UCMC trips are posted on our trip sheet/clipboard, or they are announced at Wednesday meetings.





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## Environmental Update

The political environment is changing. Will you let the natural environment follow?

by Joseph Lampe

No doubt it has happened to all of us at one time or another. We've worked hard to make time to get away for a weekend. We get out for a day of R&R, find a nice secluded trail we've never hiked before. The sun shines. Birds sing. Our footsteps slow as we leave the rush of the city. Stress flows out of our boots to be trodden by those that may follow. Ahh, relaxation. Suddenly we come upon a clear-cut riddled with stumps and sawdust: Progress. We have not escaped it, not even for one day. The effects of technology are everywhere, making it tougher and tougher to find those places where nature exists on her own.

For the lover of nature, of the outdoors, the frustration is in finding a spot to get away from the over-activity of everyday life in the city. In the past twenty years, Congress has (generally) aided that effort by passing and allowing enforcement of laws to reduce damage to the environment. However, the 104th Congress has initiated measures that attempt to either repeal, eliminate, or handcuff more than twenty years of environmental protection.

### Action taken this year by Congress (from NRDC)

"On 5/16, the House approved revisions to the Clean Water Act that would severely

weaken virtually every key water protection program (H.R. 961). President Clinton has indicated he will veto it.

"On 6/29, the House and Senate agreed on a plan for the FY 96 budget (H.Con. Res. 67) that recommends the sale of public lands -- including national parks, wildlife refuges and forests -- in order to balance the budget.

"On 7/21, Senator Murkowski (R-AK) introduced a bill (S. 1054) that would make clear-cut logging the primary use of the Tongass National Forest. The Senate is likely to act on the bill this fall.

"On 7/21, President Clinton signed the budget rescission bill (H.R. 1944). This bill contains a provision that allows logging of ancient forests on federal lands and overrules all environmental protections already in place. The bill passed the House on 6/29 and the Senate on 7/21.

"On 9/19, the House Natural Resources Committee voted to allow leasing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for oil and gas development. The Senate Natural Resources Committee has approved a similar provision. The President said he opposes drilling in the Refuge.

Sounds pretty grim, doesn't it? It could be if people don't act. There are good reasons not to get involved in politics. I mean nothing really gets done. It's just a lot of hot air being blown around and in the end, big business always prevails over the citizens, right? Well, maybe. But with the advances on the internet, access to the government is as close as your computer monitor.

The recent explosion of the World Wide Web (WWW) has created what amounts to a graphical interface to the internet, allowing quick access to information. As students, you all have access to both email and web browsers. What that means is that you can become politically informed on a local and national level without getting up from your seat. What that also means is that you no longer have an excuse not to be informed.

You can search the White House to see the text of bills before the House:

<<http://www.house.gov/legproc.html>> ;

email your (least) favorite Congressman:

<[http://www.cs.bsu.edu/homepages/smkaiser/congress\\_net.html](http://www.cs.bsu.edu/homepages/smkaiser/congress_net.html)> ;

or create your own mailing list of like-minded

individuals. "But all that information is just too much

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## THE CINCINNATI MOUNTAINEERS ?

The University of Cincinnati Mountaineering Club has been in existence for over 25 years. Since the early 80's the club has averaged over 100 members and has consistently maintained the status of being one of U.C.'s largest student organizations. That means that there are over 1,000 UCMC alumni out there!

With this in mind I began building a database of former UCMC members and friends over a year ago. Several things have become apparent as I have assembled information on former members. First, there is a tremendous untapped resource in those who have moved away from Cincinnati.

Not surprisingly many former members have moved west. There are enough former members in both the Denver and Seattle areas that they could probably form their own UCMC alumni chapters. Needless to say there exists a tremendous resource for both student members and alumni for trip planning. Many former members are more than ready to provide local information, companionship, or even temporary lodging as has been the case with the club's numerous trips to the Pacific Northwest.

The second revelation discovered about former members is that many still live in the Cincinnati area, but rarely or never come to meetings. Corollary to this is former members living in Cincinnati who do not know each other because they were in the club at different times. For those who don't know, there is a core of alumni who still get together for trips and parties or who even go to meetings!

So there are at least two reasons to form a club of UCMC alumni and friends. The first is to provide a resource for trip planning and the second is for us to keep in touch or get together. But there are more reasons the time might be right to create the Cincinnati Mountaineers. (Con't pg. 2)

## UCMC ALUMNI BAG HIGHEST SUMMITS IN THE U.S.



During 1993 alumni of the U.C. Mountaineering club reached the summits of the two highest mountains in the United States. In May of 1993, former club president Fletch Andrews reached the summit of Mt. McKinley (20,320') in Denali National Park. Fletch and his partner from Seattle climbed the mountain via the Cassin Ridge.

After flying to Talkeetna glacier, the party established a cache at a fork in the glacier leading to the base of the climb. They then ascended to 17,000' on the standard West Ridge route to acclimatize and to establish a cache for the descent. With a break in the weather predicted, they proceeded back to their first cache and hiked up the "Valley of Death" to the base of the Cassin Ridge.

Beginning at the base of the ridge, the first crux of the climb was encountered, an ice couloir ascending a 1,300' buttress. Ice conditions were found to be ideal, however, and the party easily ascended to the first bivouac site. Heather and climbing proceeded well up to the second crux presented by a bergschrund that formed an overhanging snow wall. With crystal clear blue skies in the background, this crux was overcome using direct aid with an awkward ice tool mantle at the top.

Higher up on the mountain, fatigue and a yearning for home began to set in. But route finding problems turned out to be a blessing in disguise as the party circumvented a pitch on the climb which contains the frozen, dangling body of a dead climber. After seven days on the route, the summit was finally reached where Andrews and his partner spent "a few minutes" at the top of the North American continent.

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## MOUNTAINEERS ? (Con't. from pg. 1)

Although the UCMC now receives a larger budget allotment from the University than it did in the early years, the organization still does not receive the recognition or respect that might be due to the largest, most active club on campus. One only has to go as far as Miami University in Oxford to comprehend the disparity between UC and other universities in the emphasis placed on outdoor recreation. Miami, which has an indoor climbing wall and hosts the Mideast Indoor Climbing Competition, invested over \$50,000 to build a second wall into the foyer to it's new recreational sports center. Perhaps UC would treat the club differently if it was made known to the administration that the potential contributions of over 1,000 club alumni might be affected by the emphasis being placed on outdoor recreation.

Finally, did you know that Climb Time, the commercial climbing gym in Cincinnati, has more members than the Vertical Club in Seattle? Yes, climbing, as well as other club pursuits such as cycling and skiing are popular among Cincinnati residents. The Cincinnati Mountaineers, as with the UCMC, would be open to all, and would provide Cincinnati's outdoor enthusiasts at-large with a means to meet new people, organize trips, and further their outdoor skills.

I've been thinking Cincinnati Mountaineers for at least five years and would like to do it! At the end of this newsletter is a survey asking about your interest in continuing with "The Polarguard Press" and your views about the potential for organizing the Cincinnati Mountaineers. Database information is also included with this initial newsletter. Correct or fill in your database form and provide information on other alumni that you might have. Please return the survey and database forms to me and include an article on a recent trip or any other information for the next issue. The next issue will then include results of the survey and a complete mailing list of UCMC alumni and friends.

Welcome to The Polarguard Press and the Cincinnati Mountaineers. Until next time peace and good climbing.

The editor,

**Bill Strachan**

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## SUMMITS (Continued from page 1.)

Andrews, originally from Cleveland, now resides in Seattle, Washington with his wife Marci (nee Napoli) who is also a former UCMC president and their daughter Gianna. Fletch is a manufacturers representative for One Sport shoes. Marci is a social worker. Both enjoy backpacking, skiing, and climbing.

In 1991 Fletch and Marci climbed Mt. Baker with Bill and Laura Strachan and Paul Wieland. After reaching the summit, Fletch and Marci skied down the mountain via the Roman Headwall. Fletcher, Bill Strachan, and Dave Christenson climbed Mt. Shuksan in the North Cascades. Fletcher's other ascents include Mt. Rainier, Mt. Robson in Canada, and "The Nose" of El Capitan in Yosemite.

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During the last week of July 1993 Bill and Laura Strachan reached the summit of Mt. Whitney (14,496') California, the highest mountain in the lower 48 states. It took the couple about nine hours to hike 10.7 miles and gain 6,000' in elevation to reach the top of the mountain from Whitney Portal. Most parties take at least two days for the ascent.

The top of Whitney was not the highest altitude the couple had ever reached, however. Both had reached at least 15,000' on a failed attempt on the Mexican volcano Ixtacihuatl (17,342') in 1987. The Strachans reside in Cincinnati with their daughter Suzanne (6 yrs.) and son Will (3 yrs.). Bill is the Engineering Manager for Rumpke Waste Systems and Laura teaches elementary school at the Hamilton County Special Center for Learning. Laura and Bill both obtained undergraduate and Masters degrees from UC and both are graduates of the National Outdoor Leadership School in Lander, Wyoming.

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## UCMC FIRST ASCENTS RECOGNIZED IN RED RIVER GORGE GUIDE BOOK

The guide book, entitled "Red River Gorge Climbs", compiled by John Bronaugh, documents the contributions of the UCMC at this popular Kentucky climbing area. The guide records most of the routes that have been established at the gorge by club members.

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**WE ARE BORG BOLTERS**

**WE MUST ASSIMILATE**



## UCMC FIRSTS

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Significant contributions to gorge climbing by club members have occurred in the "Upper Red" region, where such areas as "Wall of Denial", "Sleeping Dragon", and "Doorish Wall" were pioneered by Alex Cudcowicz, Steve Must, and Jerry Bargo in the late 80's and early 90's. Early explorations of this area led to the establishment of "If My Number's Up" (5.9) at Sleeping Dragon (aka Eagle Point Butress) in the Upper Red in the fall of 1989. Club firsts at Sleeping Dragon not recorded in the guidebook are "Blister in the Sun" (5.8) and "Scared as a Virgin" (5.8+).

In 1990 there was a literal explosion of club firsts in the Upper Red with "Testosterone Testpiece" (5.9) being put up by Cudcowicz, Paul Woodrum, and Braden Hale and "Hair of the Dog" (5.10b) being put up by Steve Must, Bhavani Patak, and Neil Strickland at Wall of Denial. Another epic Upper Red climb put up during 1990 was "There's Nothing Like Whiskey to Make Maiden's Friskey" (5.11 var.) by Cudcowicz, Strachan, Woodrum, Doug Smith, and Mike Schindler.

The participation of Fletch Andrews in a number of first ascents established during the early 80's is also recorded in the guide. Andrews, along with Cincinnati climbers Tom Souders, Jeff Koenig, pushed the limits of gorge climbing into the 5.11 realm during this period with the first ascent of "B3" (5.11b) at Long Wall in February of 1984. Other notable firsts by Koenig, Souders, Andrews, and Ron Snider include "The Beeneling" (5.9+) and "What's Left of the Beeneling" (5.10c) at Dunkan Rock that were climbed in 1983.

Andrews is not the only UCMC climber who was involved with Souders and other Cincinnatians in putting up hard gorge 5.11's. Mark Schorle was involved in the first ascent of "Griptosporidium" (5.11b) with Souders in the fall of '91 and "Winkin', Blinkin', and Nod" (5.11d) with Souders and John Dinsmore in April of 1992 at Dip Wall. In October of 1992 Souders, Schorle, and Tim Schlacter put up "Unsportsmanlike Conduct" (5.11b) at Left Flank. Not to go unnoticed is a totally UCMC first ascent of "Trigger" (5.10b) by Bob Hayes and Schorle at Board Wall in 1989.

Not recorded in the guide are the club's efforts in the Gladly Creek area. This area has been a club secret for many years. However, the current policies of the U.S. Forest Service in respect to climbing in the gorge may make it necessary for the secret to be revealed. The main activity here has been the use of "Staircase Wall" for top roping. Also, next to Staircase Wall is the route "Here Comes Batman" put up in the mid-70's by Strachan. The route derives its name from the fact that all parties attempting a second ascent have had to

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resort to direct aid to surmount the crux.

Another unrecorded club first in the Gladly Creek basin was the ascent of "The Eagle's Gift" by Strachan and Mike Dawson, again in the 70's. After a second ascent of this classic crack in the 90's by Alex Cudcowicz the climb was given a 5.9+ rating. Another UCMC first in this general vicinity was of Tower Rock Pinnacle which was climbed by Strachan and Paul Wieland. The numerous contributions of former UCMC member Hugh Loeffler will be covered in the next PGP issue.

The quality of Red River Gorge routes has received consistent national attention in Climbing and Rock & Ice magazines over the last several years. Now climbing in the gorge and other popular areas located on Federal lands are beginning to receive attention from the government. The National Park Service is well into the process of developing regulations for climbing. The U.S. Forest Service is also considering similar action. The Forest Service is seriously scrutinizing sport climbing activities at Red River and has placed a moratorium on new bolt routes. The Federal government is also concerned about the impact of climbing on wilderness areas.

If you have done any climbing at Red River Gorge, it is important that you review the guide for unrecorded routes for inclusion in a revised guide book. The Forest Service has conducted an inventory of climbing routes and may prohibit climbing in areas where no climbs are now known to exist.

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## UCMC GETS GROUP DISCOUNT TO PUMP PLASTIC



Climb Time, Cincinnati offers a group discount for all UCMC members. Climb Time is an indoor climbing gym located in Blue Ash, Ohio off of Kenwood Road. The UCMC discount gives club members a group hourly rate of \$6.00/hour.

Climb Time offers climbs of all grades from beginners climbs on a not quite vertical slope to the way rad on "The Have" overhanging lead wall for experts. With the discount, a number of club members have begun to make pumping plastic a weekly habit. To get to climb time, take the Pfeiffer Road exit off of I-71. Go west on Pfeiffer to Kenwood. Turn right (north) on Kenwood at the Sunoco Station. The driveway to Climb Time is about a half a mile up on the

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right by the Red Cross building. Climb Time itself is in the warehouse behind the Red Cross at the very back. For more information call Climb Time at (513) 891-4850.

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## KESSLER GIVES CANYONEERING PRESENTATION TO SIERRA CLUB

Bob Kessler put his love for desert canyon hiking and computers together to create an incredible slide presentation on the UCMC 1993 summer trip to Utah. Using computer generated slides, intermixed with regular slides, Kessler put together a fantastic travelogue of canyon hiking and backpacking in southern Utah. After its first showing the regular UCMC meeting, Kessler also presented to the local Sierra Club chapter. Kessler, well known for his UCMC slide shows using of multiple projectors and/or multiple screens to create a visual extravaganza, used computerized word and diagram slides helped to orient the viewer to the places where the trip took place. Of course, the slides of the trip itself were outstanding. After going to Canyonlands National Park for some sightseeing, the UCMC alumni and student group embarked on a six day canyoneering trip in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. The sport of canyoneering involves desert camping where the trail is a twisting desert canyon. The club chose to explore the remote Escalante Canyon.



Like any desert camping experience, canyoneers must take care concerning the scarcity of water. Water created hazards such as flash flooding and quicksand are also a consideration for those who pursue canyoneering. Luckily, the force of the water during flash flooding also creates potholes in the rock of the canyon floor which trap water and provide an oasis for the weary desert traveler. Mostly though, a canyoneering trip is an excellent way to get away and enjoy a remote wilderness area where you see no one else except your companions. In addition, the clear blue skies and sculpted sandstone provide for some spectacular scenery and side canyons provide an experience of exploration not dissimilar to spelunking. The later is probably a reason that Kessler, an avid caver, enjoys canyoneering so much.

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## THE UCMC PARENTEERING CLUB

Welcome to the UCMC Parenteering Club. This column will be a regular feature that documents additions to and accomplishments of UCMC alumni families. Please send info about expectancies, new births, or outdoor adventures with children to the editor.

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## PARENTEERING CLUB (Con't)

Our first report documents a mini-baby boom among alumni that seems to correlate with national statistics attributed to the long winters of 1992 and 1993. The additions are: Alex, first born to Dennis & Karen (Riggs) Dziech on February 8, 1993; Ryan, first born son to Dave & Melody Bowyer on March 14, 1993; Lisa Nicole, second born to Craig & Cheri (Ellis) Patterson on October 12, 1993; and Christian Andrew, the first born to Mary Beth & Bill McDonnell/Weiss on November 25, 1993. The Dziech's live in Loveland, Ohio; the Bowyers live in Suisun, California; the Patterson's live in Melbourne, Kentucky; and the McDonnell/Weiss family lives in Baltimore, Maryland. On April 22, 1994 Luke Phillip, the first for Mark & Amy (Norman) Ostwald was born on his father's birthday and on June 7, 1994 Gianna Rose, the first born of Fletch & Marci (Napoli) Andrews, arrived. The Ostwald family resides at Lake Quinalt, Washington and the Andrews live on Vashon Island, Washington. Finally, on August 23, 1994, Sam, the second for Paul & Jane (Reilly) Weiland was born and in September 1994, Elise was born to Mark and Ann Hayes/Bealer. Both of these families live in Cincinnati.



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## UCMC CLIMBERS BAG FIRST FREE ASCENT

Bill Strachan and Dave Christenson completed the first free ascent of the West Face of Mt. Koven located in the Hind River

mountains of Wyoming. The climb was completed in early August of 1994 as part of a ten day mountaineering trip taken by Bill and his wife Laura, Dave and his wife April, and Bill Kelly and Sara Reeder who work for the Miami University Outdoor Pursuit Center. Strachan had participated in the first ascent, which used direct aid, while taking a NOLS Mountain Guide course during the summer of 1974 and had dreamed of repeating the ascent without the use of aid. Strachan realized his dream, with Christenson, repeating the six pitch, 800 foot ascent of the Wyoming granite face without aid. A slide show on the trip will be ready for showing to the UCMC undergraduate club during the winter quarter of 1996.

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE: "HARDMAN HUGH, THE BORG OF GORGE BOLTING" also, "UCMC ALUMNI SEIGE THE RINCON WALL", "RATHWEG SIGHTED IN BOULDER", and "FORRESTERS RETURN TO CINCINNATI"

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to go through," you say. "I like to know what's happening, but I don't have the time to go digging." The trick is to let someone else dig for you.

Interest groups such as the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) and the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) maintain web sites that allow users to get up-to-date information on specific issues. From these sites, you can click to email the group or to receive automatic updates. These automailers have become a very effective way to disseminate information. I am on the NRDC automailer list, so when bills come up before Congress for vote or discussion that have to do with the environment, I am alerted. If the matter is important to me, I then have the option of informing my Congressional representatives of my views before the vote!

This trend is catching on. In the recent attempt to eliminate federal funding for public television and radio, WNKU was one of many stations to send out updates at crucial times in the legislative process. These updates provided relevant information to interested voters, many of whom called, wrote, faxed, or emailed their representatives. The message was heard. And individuals are discovering they have a chance to get more involved in politics right from their computer screens. Often these pages and mailers provide information on how to contact those who need to hear your views.

As information becomes more and more accessible, our political landscape will change

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as well. You have a chance now to become the informed and active voters who have the power to change; or to sit and complain about situations that may actually be partially within your control. In the end, political power will rest in the hands of the informed and the organized. Do you want the power? Or do you want to take the chance that some of our best wilderness will soon exist only on virtual land on a web site somewhere in Manhattan?

### Some of the better websites

NRDC Home Page:

<http://www.igc.apc.org/nrdc/>

National Performance Review Page [tell the government what you think -- it's a bit propagandist, but they're trying]:

<http://www.npr.gov>

Econet (a list of environmentally-based groups)

<http://www.econet.apc.org/econet/en.orgs.html>

The Wilderness Society:

[http://town.hall.org/environment/wild\\_soc/wilderness.html](http://town.hall.org/environment/wild_soc/wilderness.html)

For more information, email me at [lampejh@ucunix.san.uc.edu](mailto:lampejh@ucunix.san.uc.edu) or phone me at 281-8041.

## The Piercing Sunrise

by Sarah Gray

Blinding sunrises are those that obscure oncoming traffic as one commutes eastward each morning. A stimulating sunrise is one whose light wakes campers on the first morning of a new adventure. On July 22, from atop Maine's Cadillac Mountain, I witnessed a piercing sunrise: an intensely red fire whose flames cut through the morning dew. A piercing sunrise, as I experienced, not only blinds inhibition and stimulates the soul, but it also quickens the life beat.

The days before my piercing sunrise, my life beat had unfortunately slowed. Our cycling tip in Maine had been dampened by rainy days and mechanical problems. Though my eyes had been pleased by beautiful coastal scenes, my knees had become sore from hard miles of pedaling. I was road-wearied and ready to go home . . . until Joe challenged me to bike up Cadillac Mountain. Frankly, at the time of his challenge I did not think I could do it. But though my spirits were low, I recalled that I had never before backed away from a cycling barrier. After all, I had already done two hundred-mile "century" rides; so I gauged that a three mile, "slightly inclined" ride up a mountain could not pose that much of a physical threat, even to my aching knees. I prodded my life beat to quicken its pace, and I pedaled up Cadillac's summit that afternoon.

After a steady ride upward, our group saw a lovely sunset from the top of the mountain. After witnessing such a beautiful panorama, I kicked myself for almost deciding not to go to the summit. After a couple of hours of picture taking and sunset watching, our group decided to return to the summit the next morning in order to see a lovely sunrise from there as well.

In the wee hours of July 22, four of us from UCMC gathered with about fifty others from across the country at the top of Cadillac. The morning breeze was surprisingly warm. Below us, the horizon traced silhouettes of grayed hills and islands. The sky was colored purple above the land, then moved upward to become ruddy red, then orange, then pure pastel yellow, then a pale blue. We could see the moon, a crescent of silver, hanging overhead. Some people were chatting about the day's upcoming activities, while others looked for a good "sunrise" rock to sit on.

But all activity stopped the instant the sun broke over the horizon. People stopped talking, the wind stopped blowing, and my knees stopped aching. The sun's intense red sword pierced through my eye and sliced through my heart. It found the dial of my life beat and turned it up to *presto* -- a fast beat indeed. The beat did not race out of control; rather, it pounded steadily with the increasing energy of the sunrise. The morning sunfire refreshed my enthusiasm to continue the adventures of our trip.

That morning, the sun did not doubt itself. It rose with courage and boldness, disregarding its fear and worries of clouds in my encounter during the day. The sun continued upward: climbing mountains, penetrating canyons, and running rivers. It would become tired only at the final moment before it sank below the western horizon.

Let the sun be your inspiration, as it was for me that day in Maine. Imagine its red disk in front of you to become enlivened by its energy of spirit. Remember always the sun's courage, and never doubt your power of achievement.

## OCTOBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
					30, 1 Biking on Loveland Trail Climbing at Red River Gorge
2	3	4 OPEN HOUSE 525 Old Chem 7 pm Social following Open House at Diner's Restaurant	5	6	7,8 Backpacking in Cumberland Gap- Mark Suer
9	10	11 Meeting 7pm 301 Braunstein Mt. Rainier slides - Rob Even	12	13 Chicago sights - Robert Sexton	14,15 Chicago sights - Robert Sexton
16	17	18 Meeting 7pm 301 Braunstein Rock Climbing slides - Jerry Bargo	19	20	21,22
23	24	25 Meeting 7pm 301 Braunstein	26	27	28,29 Ken & Johanna's wedding (Sat.) 2:30 PM
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**Trips coming up:** Climbing Course (fall quarter)

Numerous trips to Red River Gorge for climbing (just bug Jerry Bargo enough -- he'll go!)

New Year's Eve party at Shawnee Park (talk to Bob Masters)

### General Information

The University of Cincinnati Mountaineering Club meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm in 301 Braunstein Hall on the main (west) campus of the University of Cincinnati. We usually discuss trips, do a little business, then kickback for a program. Club dues are \$10 per quarter or \$25 for the year (offered during fall quarter only). Membership entitles you to the use of the club's equipment and library, but membership is not necessary if you have your own gear. Club gear can be checked out on Wednesday after the meetings, and should be returned by 6:45PM the following Wednesday.

The UCMC office is located in 217 Tangeman University Center, and the office phone number is 556-6014. Please come visit us to learn more about the club!!

Need some more information? Call President Jay Gibson at 579-9460, Vice President Sarah Gray at 961-4820, or Treasurer Dave Core at 961-1893. Equipment questions should be directed to Equipment Manager Jeremy Siebert at 921-6959.



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