



The Newsletter of the CMC's Pikes Peak Group

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Pikes Peak Group Program – 7:00 PM, July 20

Jacob McCracken presents: *New and Improved! – CMC.org*



We are working hard to implement a new, improved CMC.org that can serve our membership, volunteers, and variety of stakeholders for years to come. Visit with Jacob McCracken, Director of Operations and Finance, to get all the latest news on the progress and have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

The talk will focus on the following:

- Accomplishments thus far and a progress update
- How volunteers can help if they are interested
- Remaining timeline
- Q&A

Note from David Kuenzli, PPG Council Chair: I hope you can take advantage of attending our PPG program on July 20 with guest speaker Jacob McCracken. Jacob will be reviewing CMC's new website and information management system. I think we can all agree an upgrade is

needed, and Jacob will explain its exciting capabilities. This upgrade is not cheap, and therefore the CMC is running a fundraising campaign to raise the necessary capital. Your Pikes Peak Group Council is considering a donation to the state campaign in order to help fund the new website. All of our members will benefit from this new system. It'll be easier to sign up for classes and trips, and to manage your course completions. Please use the July 20 program as an opportunity to learn about the new web site and get your questions answered. See you in the mountains, David

Save the Date – Pikes Peak Group Picnic

Come join the Pikes Peak Group at our annual picnic in Cheyenne Mountain State Park! Kids are welcome and there is a playground next to the pavilion. There are clean bathrooms, yard games (bring yours too), old and new friends, and tall tales of adventures to share.

August 29th, 3:00-7:00pm at the Prairie Skipper Pavilion
Cheyenne Mountain State Park
410 JL Ranch Heights Rd, Colorado Springs, CO 80926

There is no cost for PPG members for the food or beverage (BBQ, sides, and beverages to include sodas, water, and beer).

Entry fee to the park is \$9 per vehicle unless you have a pass, so coordinate with your friends to carpool to the max!

Sign up online by August 25th so we can be sure to have enough food.

If you would like to volunteer to help out (set up / bring games / clean up / tear down), please contact Glenn Barr, gjb2000@gmail.com. Many hands make light work!



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Interested in serving on the Pikes Peak Group
Council? Please contact the Chair.

Welcome New Members!

Deena Bennett
Renee Champagne
Jessica Cheatham
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Caden Garrison
Julianne Garrison

Peter Kautza
Kelsey Olsen
Kristen Paris
Paul Privitera
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Member Discounts

Adventure Medical Kits

Ajax Bike and Sport

American Mountaineering Museum

Atrevida Beer Co (was Great Storm)

Bentgate

Breckenridge Nordic Center

City Rock

Friction Labs

Frisco Nordic Center

Gearonimo

Gold Camp Brewing

Golden Bike Shop

Ken's Anglers

Lumiere Telluride

Moosejaw

Mountain Chalet

Mountain Equipment Recyclers

Mountainsmith

ProMotive.com

R&W Rope

ROCK'n & JAM'n

Rocky Bob's Fly Fishing Rods

Summit Terragraphics

The Custom Foot

The Mountaineers Books

The Trailhead

TrailRunner Magazine

Vagabond Ranch Huts

Wilderness Exchange Unlimited

Mountain Incident

Trip leader Britt Jones and four other PPG members were recently on Torrey's Peak, Dead Dog Couloir, for a HAMS training trip. Their team was traveling roped to practice their glacier travel skills. Just before 9:00 am, they were half-way up the couloir when a section of rock broke loose above them and came cascading down. They had to dodge the descending rockfall but two members were struck by large boulders and injured. Fortunately, their helmets, decision to be roped, and their training and experience saved their lives. They were able to perform first aid, self-evacuate, and receive more thorough medical attention back in Colorado Springs. We're grateful that everyone is all right.

David Kuenzli, PPG Council Chair



Potpourri

GPS Basics Class



Students in the recent class confirm that they, their GPS unit, the satellites, and the photographer all agree upon our location.

Wilderness Fundamentals



The latest Wild Fun class enjoyed a warm, sunny, and windy day reviewing the key principles of Leave No Trace (LNT), the Ten Essentials, trip planning, what to do when things go wrong, and trail etiquette, all the while sharing stories, making new friends, planning adventures, and having a fun and safe hike in three separate hiking teams. Next class is in September.

The A-frame on the Side of Pikes Peak



The A-frame has given safe refuge along Barr Trail to hikers and potential Pikes Peak summit seekers since 1964, from quickly occurring storms or just for an overnight stay. It was built by the Forest Service in the style used in New York State Parks, called Adirondack shelters, and that's what ours was originally called. With its prominent position at tree line on the eastward flanks at 11,664 ft elevation, it catches all the torments of weather—very strong winds, and snow piled along its sides. Its location has been used by the AdAmAn for years to signal friends below with their mirrors. The Pikes Peak Group took over stewardship for its upkeep in 1999. Our efforts to add a new roof, re-paint inside and out, and add new supports had to be postponed last year due to the pandemic.

We are again picking up momentum to accomplish this task sometime in July or August, dates to be determined. We plan to have all the roofing materials, several 16 foot-long 2" x 6" pieces of lumber, and other materials transported down prior to beginning construction. This will be a big effort to carry this material from the top about 3 miles down the winding Barr Trail. We are considering other methods, but this seems most probable.

So, if you are interested in helping restore and give some tender loving care to this unique little building, please be at the ready. We will be looking for volunteers to help carry supplies to the A-frame as well as help with the construction. Come on out and have some fun! More details later.

Upcoming Pikes Peak Group Classes

PPG ARCPro Basic Climbing Anchors

Starts July 17

This class is for those who have taken an introductory rock climbing class and want to learn how to set up their own top-rope and sport anchors. We will teach climbing anchor fundamentals that can also be applied to traditional rock, snow and ice anchors. Prerequisite: Registrants should have already taken BMS Rock Climbing, or have the equivalent basic rock climbing skills. Leading skills are not necessary. Cost: \$25 for Leaders, \$45 for all others.

PPG GPS Basics Class

Starts July 26

GPS Basics offers students who already own handheld GPS receivers the opportunity to learn more about how GPS works, how to plan an adventure online, how to move that information to a GPS receiver, and how to use the GPS to help with route finding, trip progress, reporting locations in an emergency, and capturing key data for a trip report to share with others. Key terms we will explore: Global Positioning System, satellites, waypoints, routes, tracks, importing, exporting, .gpx files, WAAS, Caltopo, BaseCamp, trip computer, GLONASS, Geocaching, coordinates, UTM, position, velocity, circle of error, satellite geometry, and others. Prerequisites: CMC Land Navigation and handheld GPS. Cost: Free.

PPG ARCPro Multipitch Concepts Class

Starts July 31

Students will learn techniques applicable to climbing multipitch routes, including: preparation, anchors, belaying, cleaning gear, belay transitions, descending, and climbing with a 3-person team. Prerequisites: Students should have basic rock climbing skills, such as taught in our BMS Rock Climbing or the equivalent, to include belaying, rappelling, and climbing communication. Leading skills are not absolutely necessary, but it is recommended that participants in this class take the ARCPro Trad Gear and Anchors Class and Traditional Lead Climbing Class prior to this class, as students may practice placing trad gear and building trad anchors in this class. However, this class will be beneficial to anyone looking to climb multipitch routes- to include leaders and followers. Exact class content and student practice sessions will be tailored to the individual student's skill level and goals. Contact the leaders if you have questions regarding your suitability for this class. Cost: \$65 for Leaders, \$95 for all others.

PPG BMS – Intro to Backpacking

Starts August 23

Backpacking is another way to experience the outdoors, whether as a means to get to a distant location from the trailhead to enjoy an activity (summit attempt, alpine lake fishing, etc.) or as the main goal itself (hiking a long trail like the Colorado Trail). Carrying all the gear you need to travel, eat, sleep, stay dry, treat injuries, stay found, cook food, treat water, and enjoy yourself may be intimidating—but taken one step at a time—is very manageable. This class focuses on the basics in a lecture/discussion format and concludes with an overnight backpacking trip to put our new knowledge into action. Safety and fun are key elements of this class. Cost: Free.

PPG ARCPro Sport Lead Climbing Class

Starts September 11

This two-day class will teach participants the skills needed to safely lead sport climbs; to include setting up a top-rope anchor, cleaning the anchor and rappelling or lowering down, along with some more advanced sport climbing skills. On Day One, we will focus on the safety components and transitions of leading sport climbs and cleaning/rappelling sport climbs, then on Day 2 students will practice leading, will learn movement techniques, how to fall safely (with some practice taking real falls), and advanced leader belaying. It is designed for the climber who has climbed top-rope style, but who would like to advance into being a fully "independent climber" able to put up ropes at the start of a climb, and safely take down ropes at the end of a climb. Prerequisite: Participants are expected to either be graduates of BMS Rock or have experience with good climbing belay skills, rappelling, good climbing communications and a good working knowledge of knots and the climber's safety system. Your experience does not need to be extensive, but this is not an introduction to climbing class. Cost: \$50 for Leaders, \$80 for all others.

Pikes Peak Intro to Technical Canyoneering

Starts September 15

Have you completed Intro to Desert & Canyoneering *and* BMS Rock? Take those skills to the next level. Learn proper gear, safety, and technique for technical canyoneering. There are many nuances warranting the safe approach provided by this class. The classroom session will be in Colorado Springs on 15 Sep from 6:00p to 9:30p. There are two evening field sessions in Colorado Springs to cover some basics and evaluate fitness levels on 16 and 23 Sep. Then we go on a four day trip to the desert scheduled for 03 through 06 Oct. This year's desert trip is planned for San Rafael Swell in Utah. A strong fitness level to go on daily full day hikes with scrambling and rappelling on high exposure in hot terrain, squeezing through

narrows, and hiking all day in loose sand and deep water is required for the field sessions. The field sessions will be progressive in nature to build on skills. Attendance at the classroom session and local field sessions will be required to attend the Utah trip. Prerequisite: Completion of both BMS Rock Climbing *and* Intro to Desert & Canyoneering is required! A [city parks rock climbing permit](#) is also required. *Note:* This course is not intended for those already going into technical slot canyons as it is introducing the basic concepts. To get the registration password, please contact the instructor with your prior course completion and experience in both canyoneering and rock climbing. Cost: \$250 for PPG members and Leaders, \$300 for all others.

PPG BMS - Wilderness Fundamentals

Starts September 20

The Wilderness Fundamentals class is an introduction of important skills and back country knowledge to enable participants to independently plan and safely implement a day's outing in the great outdoors—away from civilization and all it provides. The class lecture via Zoom covers the fundamentals of choosing back country gear (the Ten Essentials), trip planning, nutrition, conditioning, Leave No Trace (LNT) conservation practices, mountain weather, safety, emergency planning protocol (what to do when things go wrong), and a case study of a recent Colorado wilderness accident. The mandatory field session explores the lecture concepts during an actual outing and gives students a chance to further address any questions or concerns while meeting new hiking friends and sharing ideas about gear, snacks, and hiking spots. This class is a pre-requisite for many of our other PPG courses and will provide participants with a copy of "Mountaineering: Freedom of the Hills" that will be referenced in other courses. Make sure you have this one under your belt! Cost: \$35 for PPG members, \$45 for all others.

Pikes Peak Intro to Desert Hiking and Canyoneering

Starts September 22

If you have only been hiking in the high altitude for your spring, summer, and fall, there is another world out there. When you have climbed enough peaks to wonder what other environments might be out there, the next step for you may be desert terrain. Come learn the proper gear, safety, and entry level techniques for basic desert hiking and basic canyoneering. There are many nuances to this environment that should warrant a safe approach such as provided by this class. The classroom session will be in Colorado Springs on 22 Sep from 6:00p to 9:30p. There is a one-day field session in Colorado Springs to cover some basics and evaluate fitness levels scheduled for 26 Sep. Then we go on a five day trip to the desert scheduled for 29 Sep through 03 Oct. This year's desert trip is planned for the San Rafael Swell in Utah. A strong fitness level to go on daily full day hikes with scrambling on moderate exposure in hot terrain, squeezing through narrows, hiking in loose sand, and wading through water is required for the field sessions. The field sessions will be progressive in nature to build on skills. Attendance at the classroom session and local field session will be required to attend the Utah trip. Cost: \$135 for PPG members and Leaders, \$160 for all others.

PPG ARCPro Introduction to Self-Rescue Class

Starts September 25

Ever wondered how you might react if your climbing partner were injured? What about if you were injured—would you be able to get down safely as a team? In the PPG ARCPro Intro to Self-Rescue Class, you will learn tips and techniques to deal with unpleasant situations in the mountains. Whether you are an alpine climber seeking endless ridgelines, looking to break into multipitch ice this year, or a seasoned rock climber with regular days at our local crags, this course is for you! The Self-Rescue Class offered by Pikes Peak Group is a key element of our Advanced Rock Climbing Program. Students are given the skills, along with practice, to deal with many of the situations that can occur in a climbing scenario. This class does not deal with any of the medical components and implications of an injury-based rescue; that is far beyond the scope of the program. This class teaches participants the safety components and transitions that can assist a climbing team to extricate themselves from a number of situations. Prerequisites: Your climbing experience does not need to be extensive at all. In fact, we recommend that even rookie climbers begin their career with this knowledge. Participants should have basic rock climbing knowledge and skills, such as those gained by taking our BMS - Colorado Rock Climbing class. We encourage all levels of climbers to register—to learn new skills and to brush-up on rusty ones. Cost: \$65 for Leaders, \$95 for all others.



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July Pikes Peak Group Trips

Thursday After Work Climb

Thursday, 7/1/2021

Rock Climbing

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, rdk9689@hotmail.com

Location: The location will vary depending on the week. Details: We will be climbing on Thursday evenings after work. The start time of the trip is 430pm but feel free to trickle in as your day permits. We will normally climb until dark. If the temps are too cold or the weather too rainy, we will likely climb indoors at City Rock or SCC. I will email/text the climbing location a couple of days before the trip. This is a weekly trip and if I'm out of town I will do my best to find another trip leader. This is *not* a class/school. You should have all required gear and know how to safely use it.

Thursday After Work Climb

Thursday, 7/8/2021

Rock Climbing

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, rdk9689@hotmail.com

Location: The location will vary depending on the week. Details: We will be climbing on Thursday evenings after work. The start time of the trip is 430pm but feel free to trickle in as your day permits. We will normally climb until dark. If the temps are too cold or the weather too rainy, we will likely climb indoors at City Rock or SCC. I will email/text the climbing location a couple of days before the trip. This is a weekly trip and if I'm out of town I will do my best to find another trip leader. This is *not* a class/school. You should have all required gear and know how to safely use it.

N. Maroon Pk. - 14,014'

Friday, 7/9/2021

Difficult D

Leader: Mark Silas, 719-748-5223, mtnshtink@centurylink.net

Trail Mileage 9.25, Elevation Gain 4500. Location: White River Nat. Forest - near Aspen. Maroon Lake Trailhead. Details: We will start from the Maroon Lake trailhead at 4:00 am. Bring a good headlamp and a helmet. See route description for Northeast Ridge on 14ers.com. Moderate pace means able to climb at least 1,000 vertical feet per hour, which means the ascent shouldn't take more than about 5 hours. The group needs to stay ahead of the typical afternoon storms. This is one of Colorado's harder 14ers. Should have some prior experience doing 4th class climbing. There is a new parking permit system in place at the Maroon Lake trailhead. The permits for July will go on sale on April 12. Purchase parking permits [here](#).

Mt. Princeton 13er and 14er

Saturday, 7/10/2021

Leader: Christie Lee, 719-243-1821, Christie80905@gmail.com

Trail Mileage 6.5, Elevation Gain 3500. Location: Meet at Johnstons Corner in Buena Vista at 5 a.m. to group up and leave at 5:10 a.m. Details: Meet at Johnstons Corner in Buena Vista at 5 a.m. to group up and leave at 5:10 a.m. to the Mt. Princeton Road trailhead. Goal is to climb Mt. Princeton and nearby 13er.

Pyramid Peak 14,018'

Sunday, 7/11/2021

Difficult D

Leader: Mark Silas, 719-748-5223, mtnshtink@centurylink.net

Trail Mileage 8.25, Elevation Gain 4500. Location: Maroon Lake Trailhead. White River Nat. Forest - near Aspen. Details: We will start from the Maroon Lake trailhead at 4:00 am. Bring a good headlamp and a helmet. See route description for Northeast Ridge on 14ers.com. Moderate pace means able to climb at least 1,000 vertical feet per hour, which means the ascent shouldn't take more than about 5 hours. The group needs to stay ahead of the typical afternoon storms. This is one of Colorado's harder 14ers. Should have some prior experience doing 4th class climbing. There is a new parking permit system in place at the Maroon Lake trailhead. The permits for July will go on sale on April 12. Purchase parking permits [here](#). Register with leader.

Rock Climbing Cheyenne Canon

Monday, 7/12/2021

Rock Climbing

Leader: Kristen Buckland, 419-260-7807, buckie06@hotmail.com

Trail Mileage 1, Elevation Gain 300. Details: After work rock climbing in North Cheyenne Canon. We will most likely climb at the South Buttress or Pinnacle, which has a handful of routes from 5.8-5.10. You are welcome to lead or top-rope, leading will be encouraged. Meet at 4:30pm at Pullout 28 on the left side as you drive up the Canon. It is the same parking area for Army Slab and the Graduation Boulder. If you plan to arrive later, email the leader for directions and just meet us at the climbing wall. You must have completed BMS Rock or equivalent to join; knowledge of climbing knots, belay, and climbing commands is required. Email the leader with your experience to sign up. Bring your own climbing gear, and a climbing rope if you have one. You will need to have signed the climbing waiver for the City of Colorado Springs Parks found online (required every calendar year by the City). **Helmets required**

Thursday After Work Climb

Thursday, 7/15/2021

Rock Climbing

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, rdk9689@hotmail.com

Location: The location will vary depending on the week. Details: We will be climbing on Thursday evenings after work. The start time of the trip is 430pm but feel free to trickle in as your day permits. We will normally climb until dark. If the temps are too cold or the weather too rainy, we will likely climb indoors at City Rock or SCC. I will email/text the climbing location a couple of days before the trip. This is a weekly trip and if I'm out of town I will do my best to find another trip leader. This is *not* a class/school. You should have all required gear and know how to safely use it.

Rock Climbing Cheyenne Canon

Monday, 7/19/2021

Rock Climbing

Leader: Kristen Buckland, 419-260-7807, buckie06@hotmail.com

Trail Mileage 1, Elevation Gain 300. Details: After work rock climbing in North Cheyenne Canon. We will most likely climb at the South Buttress or Pinnacle, which has a handful of routes from 5.8-5.10. You are welcome to lead or top-rope, leading will be encouraged. Meet at 4:30pm at Pullout 28 on the left side as you drive up the Canon. It is the same parking area for Army Slab and the Graduation Boulder. If you plan to arrive later, email the leader for directions and just meet us at the climbing wall. You must have completed BMS Rock or equivalent to join; knowledge of climbing knots, belay, and climbing commands is required. Email the leader with your experience to sign up. Bring your own climbing gear, and a climbing rope if you have one. You will need to have signed the climbing waiver for the City of Colorado Springs Parks found online (required every calendar year by the City). ****Helmets required****

Thursday After Work Climb

Thursday, 7/22/2021

Rock Climbing

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, rdk9689@hotmail.com

Location: The location will vary depending on the week. Details: We will be climbing on Thursday evenings after work. The start time of the trip is 430pm but feel free to trickle in as your day permits. We will normally climb until dark. If the temps are too cold or the weather too rainy, we will likely climb indoors at City Rock or SCC. I will email/text the climbing location a couple of days before the trip. This is a weekly trip and if I'm out of town I will do my best to find another trip leader. This is *not* a class/school. You should have all required gear and know how to safely use it.

Light & Fast: Democrat/Lincoln/Cameron/Bross Ultralight Gear Option

Saturday, 7/24/2021

Difficult C

Leader: Charles Cromwell, 858-395-5986, cromwellc@comcast.net

Trail Mileage 7.5, Elevation Gain 3700, Driving Distance Varies. Location: Mosquito Range 14ers: Mt. Democrat, Mt. Cameron, Mt. Lincoln, Mt. Bross. *Update: Rescheduled from 18 June due to closure. Pending access. New date is a Saturday too.* My plan for this hike and route is to focus on Light and Fast or Ultralight hiking gear to enable a quicker pace than normal on the clockwise route. Our route is Democrat-Cameron-Lincoln and the Bross Peak bypass route. The goal for "pace" is to complete the DECALIBRON loop in under 5 hours; not extremely fast but a good pace for a group of six that still provides time for breaks. (Weather; trail conditions; number of hikers will all impact our hiking pace.) Ten essentials are still required, but you should dress and plan to move at a quicker pace than normal with some jogging options planned between the following areas of the hike: "Cameron - Lincoln" and "Lincoln - Bross". There will still be breaks for food and water etc., but the overall intent is to test a gear setup that will enable you to move quickly if weather and trail conditions support a faster pace.

Thursday After Work Climb

Thursday, 7/29/2021

Rock Climbing

Leader: Roger Kilcoyne, 719-323-3740, rdk9689@hotmail.com

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Backpacking Gear Check

Have you checked out your backpacking gear since you stowed it away last fall? Have some upcoming backpacking trips or climbs but aren't certain if last year's gear remains serviceable?

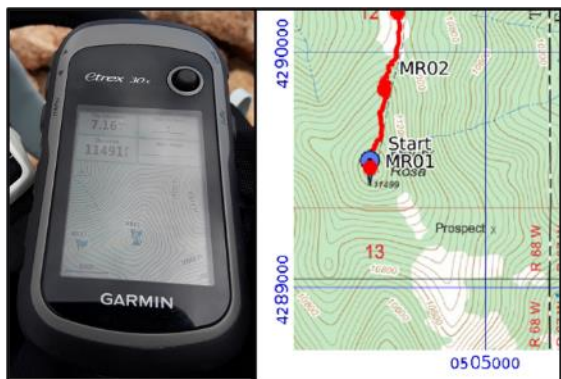
Join us at Mueller State Park on June 18/19 for a one-night Gear Check. Greg Long, PPG Long Distance backpacker and climber, will share some of his tips and trips along with Dean Waits, PPG Trip Leader and adventurous backpacker.

Details and registration at cmc.org.



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PPG GPS Basics Class



July 26th Zoom Class and July 31st Field Day

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opportunity to learn more about how GPS works, how to plan an adventure online, how to move that information to a GPS receiver, and how to use the GPS to help with route finding, trip progress, reporting locations in an emergency, and capturing key data for a trip report to share with others. Key topics we will explore: Global Positioning System, satellites, waypoints, routes, tracks, importing, exporting, .gpx files, WAAS, Caltopo, BaseCamp, trip computer, GLONASS, Geocaching, coordinates, UTM, position, velocity, circle of error, satellite geometry, and others...



Pikes Pique

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Pikes Pique is the monthly newsletter of the Pikes Peak Group of the Colorado Mountain Club. It is a forum for enhancing skills for backcountry travel in the Colorado mountains and communicating information, news, and upcoming events to members and interested parties.

The purpose of the CMC is to unite the energy, interest, and knowledge of the students and lovers of the mountains of Colorado; to collect and disseminate information regarding the Rocky Mountains on behalf of science, literature, art, recreation; to stimulate public interest in our mountain areas; to encourage the preservation of flora, fauna, and natural scenery; and to render readily accessible the alpine attractions of this region.

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have a fun story or trip you want to share? Please submit your articles, along with pictures, to be considered for publication in the next *Pikes Pique* newsletter.

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The deadline for submissions is the 14th of each month.

Use the above contact information for corrections and comments as well.