



Mountaineering Club of Alaska
BP Energy Center
1014 Energy Ct., Anchorage, AK

Wednesday, January 11th, 6 - 8 p.m.



Mt. Foraker - 1975 Winter Climbing Expedition

Attempted Ascent of French Ridge and the First Winter Ascent via Southeast Ridge

Brian Miskill

In early February 1975, 7 climbers from Anchorage flew from Talkeetna into the northwest fork of the Kahiltna Glacier and over the next 35 days attempted a new route, the South Ridge now known as the French Ridge. After that route was abandoned, the Southeast Ridge route was climbed recording the first winter ascent of Mount Foraker. One of the expedition members, Brian Miskill, will present a talk and photographs from the expedition.



The presenter, Brian Miskill, started climbing in Colorado in the 1960's while attending University of Colorado School of Engineering. He first came up to Alaska in 1973 and stayed. He has been an active climber, hiker, backcountry skier, and adventurer in Alaska since then, to the extent that age currently allows. He was the first engineering graduate from UAA in 1983 and has been continuously employed as a consulting Professional Engineer since then, although currently trying to work a reduced schedule in lieu of retirement. He lives in Anchorage, is married and has two daughters and 3 grandchildren.