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JANUARY MEETING

Wednesday

January 20, 7:30

Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd & Eagle Streets
Downtown Anchorage

Slide Show: Slides of a 1990 climb of an 8000-meter peak
will be presented by *Mark Selland*.

highly desirable. If you can, bring a shovel and a snow saw. Skis or snowshoes needed to get to the site. We will stay in the shelters we make.

Leader: Dave Pahlke 243-5234

HIKING AND CLIMBING SCHEDULE

- January 23 Crevasse Rescue Practice
Boy Scout Rock. Sign up at January meeting.
Instructor: Paul Berryhill 248-6271
- 31 Portage Pass
Superbowl Sunday ski across Portage Lake, over Portage Pass to Whittier where we will join the locals and watch the game at the bar. Class A. Three miles, 900 feet elevation gain. Snowshoes are ok too. Take train back to Portage (\$5.00). Car shuttle between Portage and the lake. Meet at Carrs Huffman at 8:30 am (where they sell coffee.) Train leaves Whittier: 5:00 pm. Volunteers: Mark Flannum, Rick Foster, Randy Howell, Roy Smith, Maxine Stoddard, Willy Hersman 373-4734
- February 6-7 Snow Shelter Class
Learn to build igloos, caves, trenches and more, for fun and survival. Bring gear for overnight, but no tents! A bivi bag is

April 17

Grand Canyon

A maximum group of 8 will assemble in Phoenix for a two-week trip to and in the Grand Canyon. A 10-day hike into the Royal Arch area west of the Bass Trail. The group was full, with a waiting list, before I got our backcountry permit, but there could be cancellations.
Leader: Bill Wakeland 563-6246

TRIP REPORTS

Late Summer Scrambles

by Tim Kelley

Peaks 5190 and 5175. Western Chugach, N of upper Bird Creek, Anchorage A-6, T 12 N, R 1 E, Section 35 and T 11 N, R 1 E, Section 3. August 8, 1992.

Starting from the Crow Pass parking lot I hiked over Crow Pass and took the left to the Clear Glacier. Instead of taking the normal drainage up to Steamroller Pass I scrambled up the E ridge of P 5750, Camprober's sister peak to the north. I then worked the ridge to P 5405, headed west, and found what I assume was Jim Saylor's



cairn on P 5190. From this peak I ran the ridge to P 5175 and then cut across the Archangel Lakes basin and ascended to Steamroller Pass. There was no cairn left on P 5175 but Jim has been there (July 1991).

A super day in the Chugach was blemished while I was climbing up to Steamroller Pass. I watched as a small light blue helicopter arrived in the Archangel Lakes basin and began buzzing and harassing a ram near P 5175. I could make out the ram bolting back and forth in panic, but the helicopter was too far away to get its number or take a decent picture.

Peak 5750. Talkeetna Mts., W of Bartholf Creek, Anchorage D-6, T 21 N, R 1 E, Section 23. August 30, 1992.

Bill Spencer and I left the Bomber Hut and hiked to Bartholf Creek. We cached our main packs at the stream and did a quick ascent in rain and snow of P 5750 to the NW. This peak forms the north border of a large lake in Section 23. Maps at the Bomber and Snowbird huts referred to this lake as "Gnome Lake." On the top we found a large cairn. Judging by the moss growth on the cairn it could have been erected in the 60s or 70s by a peak bagger or a hunter.

Peak 4950. Western Chugach, between Indian Creek Pass and Bird Pass, Anchorage A-7, T 12 N, R 1 W, Section 35. September 8, 1992.

Ran from the Indian trailhead to 1/2 mile from the pass. Climbed the 3850-foot peak to the east and skirted the three main lakes of the area to the base of P 4950. Climbed through fresh snow to the top. Couldn't find a cairn at the top but Jim Saylor and crew had made an ascent of this peak a year or two before 1989).

Peak 4987. Western Chugach, W of upper Bird Creek, Anchorage A-6, T 11 N, R 1 E, Section 22. September 12, 1992.

This hike turned out to be a classic Chugach long-distance scramble. From the Crow Pass parking lot, I climbed west to the col just north of Raggedtop. Traveling the ridge north towards Magpie Peak, I found a snow-filled chute and descended to the cirque where Bird Creek is born. This chute offered some unique help in climbing down and up on my return. Though only the second week in September, a small avalanche had cleared the recent snowfall from the chute, revealing large snow cups filled with volcanic ash. Great traction!

I followed the creek west to the snout of a large rock glacier and then climbed up a pronounced rib to the summit ridge. This was some of the most rotten rock I've ever climbed on in the Chugach. The summit was the high

point of a large rubble pile. I found no cairn on top, but found out later that Jim Saylor climbed this peak from the drainage to the west of the summit (July 1990). A fitting name for this peak would be Rubbletop, in the theme of its neighbor, Raggedtop. What do you say Jim?

ADZE

Looking for Ice Climbing Partners:

Coming to Alaska around March 1st. Hope to climb near Eklutna Glacier and the Tunnel Section, but would be interested in anything. Can be reached at the following address:

John "Jeb" Bradford
2348 Albro
Tucson, AZ 85708
602-747-7283

MINUTES

DECEMBER MEETING

December 16, 1992. Joel Babb called the meeting to order, and had new members introduce themselves.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Money Market	-	\$4326.65
Checking Acct	-	1667.89
Petty Cash	-	<u>52.10</u>
Total		\$6046.64

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Hiking and Climbing.

No leader needed to go on the Flattop sleepout on December 19th.

Training.

Contact Paul Berryhill if you are interested in a glacier safety class (248-6271).

Dave Pahlke will lead an overnight winter camping class probably the first weekend in February.

OLD BUSINESS

Ice ax on order for past president.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vladimir Vishnevetski, travel agent from Russia announced trip possibilities, 338-1525 or 7349 E. 17th, Anchorage, Ak 99504.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julia Moore

Climbing Notes

It was reported that Pete Sennhauser climbed Flattop on the morning of Sunday December 20th to deliver the Sunday newspaper to whomever stayed the night for the solstice. High winds and bitter chill factor did not deter him from making his way up the icy trail in the dark. Lo and behold, there was nobody to give the paper to. Somebody had seen two people going up there on Saturday night. Pete skied the gully and went home. Where was the president?

Note from the Editor

Every five years the Scree is sent off to be bound into two copies, kept for posterity. To keep copies for this purpose the newsletter staff sends two copies each month to the librarian to hold at the Vin Hoeman Library (currently at AMH). These are kept in a drawer. This year many Screes are missing, probably because people think these are there for the taking.

Please, if you rummage around in the library, leave alone the Scree addressed to the club, so they will be there next time. Thanks.

