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January Meeting

Wednesday, January 15th, 7:30 pm

First United Methodist Church

9th & G Streets

Next to the Phillips Building

(you may use marked parking after hours...)

Downtown Anchorage

PROGRAM

Climbing in the Alaska Range

by Cory Hinds

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Hiking and Climbing Schedule

JAN 18 Day of Departure: SATURDAY
Time of Departure: 9:00 a.m. Class C
Trip Description: Backcountry Ski -
Mt. Gordon Lyon

Leader Name: Stu Grenier
Primary Phone: 337-5127

XTRA COMMENTS: This will be a day ski of the Alpen-
glow area including Mt. Gordon Lyon and the five-mile trail.
Expect to climb around 3,000' and travel up to 6 miles total.
Bring tele or rondanee skis, skins and avalanche gear.

25 Day of Departure: SATURDAY
Time of Departure: 9:00 a.m. Class B
Trip Description: Glacier Creek Ski
Snowshoe

Leader Name: Steve Gruhn or Deb Luper
Primary Phone: 344-1219 or 345-3543
Email: scg@hartcrowser.com

XTRA COMMENTS: We will be skiing or snowshoeing
into glacier creek depending on conditions. Call leaders at
least 3 days in advance.

FEB 1 Day of Departure: SATURDAY
Class A
Trip Description: Portage's Bear Valley

Leader Name: Steve Gruhn/Deb Luper
Primary Phone: Steve 344-1219
Secondary Phone: Deb 345-3543
Email: scg@hartcrowser.com; dahabo@yahoo.com

XTRA COMMENTS: Ski and/or snowshoe. Location and
mode of travel depend on weather. Contact a leader at least
3 days in advance.

For the most current trips listing,
please visit the MCA website:

www.mcak.org



"CONGRATULATIONS TO
MCA MEMBERS DAVE HART
AND ANNE GORE ON THEIR
WEDDING ENGAGEMENT!!"

Letter from the Editor:

It is with regret I must announce this is my last issue as Scree Editor. As it stands at this very moment while I am putting together this issue, no one has come forward to replace me. Which means, there is a very good chance that there will NOT be a February issue.

Interested candidates should contact Jayme Mack, our new Club President and assume the duties, responsibilities and privileges of being the next Scree Editor.

The Editor candidate should have some desktop publishing capabilities; but I guess a typewriter could still work. But, having Quark, Pagemaker or Publisher would make your life easier.

Robert Baker SCREE EDITOR

ADZE

Slide Show

The next AAC slide show will be January 14th, 6:30 PM at the BP Energy Center on Benson Boulevard. The center is located in the woods just north of the main BP building. Steve Davis has a video that documents the first American ascent of Everest in 1963. This was produced by National Geographic and is supposed to be an excellent film.

Danny Kost

Looking For

I have started work on a climbing guide to the Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. A big part of the book will cover the mountaineering history. I am looking for any information related to climbs anyone has done. Peaks, ice climbs, rock climbs, ski traverses, etc. I am not worried whether they were first ascents or new routes. I would like to collect all of this information first, then sort it out. Thanks for your help.

Danny Kost, 562-2297

Partners Wanted

I am interested in skiing the Resurrection Trail in mid March. I would like to hook up with someone who has skied it before. I backpacked it last August. I have done several Trans-Sierras in California, skied from Aspen, CO. to the Friend's Hut west of Pearl Pass and have skied portions of the 10th Mntn. Division Trail in Colorado. I am new to Alaska (2 years) and would like to try out this trail. I was thinking of making it a 5 day outing.

Mary Kwart 907-883-5312 or 5026

UPCOMING TRAINING

January 30 KNOTS & WINTER CAMPING LECTURE

If you are new to winter camping or just want to refine your techniques and touch up on your knots this is the class for you.

February 01 - 02 WINTER CAMPING OVERNIGHT

Come out and practice the winter camping skills you learned at the lecture.

February 04 AVALANCHE LECTURE PART I

Meet at 7:30 PM at a location to be announced to learn basic avalanche awareness and how to travel in the backcountry safely. This is part one of a two part lecture series and a weekend field outing.

February 06 AVALANCHE LECTURE PART II

Meet at 7:30 PM for the second half of the lecture series on avalanche awareness and backcountry travel techniques.

February 08 - 09 AVALANCHE FIELD OUTING

Come joins us after attending the avalanche lecture series to practice snow science and search techniques.

February 13 SNOW TRAVEL TECHNIQUES LECTURE

Come join us to learn snow travel/climbing techniques.

February 15 SNOW TRAVEL TECHNIQUES OUTING

Actually practice those techniques you learned at the lecture in the real world.

February 20 ICE CLIMBING LECTURE

If you missed our annual ice climbing festival in September this is your second chance. Talk about gear and clothing, in preparation for a weekend outing.

February 22 - 23 ICE CLIMBING WEEKEND

After having participate in the lecture class go out to a local climbing area and actually test your skills with help from experienced climbers.

February 27 GLACIER TRAVEL & CREVASSE RESCUE LECTURE

Meet at 7:30 PM at a location to be announced, if you want to know more about glacier travel and crevasse rescue attend this lecture and the weekend outing.

March 01 - 02 GLACIER TRAVEL & CREVASSE RESCUE FIELD OUTING

After taking the lecture class come out and participate in mock rescue scenarios to refine your techniques and to learn proper navigation of those pesky crevasses.

September 27-28 Annual Ice-Climbing School

If interested in any of the above events, contact Steve Parry at 248-8710

EXTREME ROCK & ICE: 25 OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST CLIMBS

By: Garth Hattingh
The Mountaineers Books

Reviewed By: Hans Neidig

“The mental agility and strength required to overcome the fear one feels while climbing is that of a master yogi. You live for one moment at a time, and when that moment is gone, there is the next one to contend with. To climb extreme routes an individual must transcend a conscious mind that is normally cluttered with menial day-to-day concerns, and focus on a different horizon.”

When I read the Forward by Paul Pritchard to “Extreme Rock & Ice, 25 of the World’s Great Climbs” this paragraph jumped out at me. Yes! I know exactly what he’s talking about, except I wouldn’t have been so poetic about it. Indeed, I can be rather base while describing my attempts at various climbs, but I am more subservient to fear than those in this book

The sad thing about this book is that I never even come close to feeling nervous when I am reading about the amazing climbs it contains—and it doesn’t take much for me to become nervous. This failure in writing is a disappointment, but one that can be overcome since the book does have other positive attributes to offer.

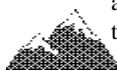
“Extreme Rock & Ice” is a collection of narratives of amazing climbs around the world (only one in Alaska). Garth Hattingh breaks the book into Chapters based on styles or disciplines of climbing; rock climbing, Ice and Mixed Climbs, Alpine-scale Climbs, Big Wall Climbs, and Big Mountain Climbs.

In his introduction, Hattingh provides a brief history of climbing and the styles that have emerged to allow humanity to challenge some of the most intimidating chunks of rock and ice our planet has to offer. He hastily, yet gracefully, provides this chapter’s contents before plummeting us into the thick of it, the first chapter: Rock Climbing. This and subsequent chapters are broken into a consistent formula. Systematically each covers an introduction to the style/type of climbing, provides an introduction to the mountain, rock wall or frozen waterfall, then a history of the route, a climbing biography of the climbers and finally the first ascent climbs themselves.

At first I found this organizational style to be a recipe for boredom, but soon reconsidered as I discovered its convenience when I would peruse the book randomly. This, I discovered, may very well be the best thing I can say about the book—it is perfect for the coffee table.

Indeed, just picking it up to look at the pictures can excite one enough to whip out a piece of cord to practice tying knots. Yet this anthology of “the World’s Greatest Climbs” built around some amazing pictures, is actually quite limited in scope. Don’t get me wrong, it makes for some interesting reading, but this is not a book by Bonnington or even Krakauer. It is missing the depth to be considered in that league. Also, and I am not the climber to do this, but others may very well question Hattingh’s selection of climbs—are these really the world’s 25 greatest climbs? You decide.

Out of a possible high of five thumbs up, I am content in assigning it a solid three. It is what it is, a perfect book for any climber’s coffee table, or night stand.



KISS OR KILL: CONFESSIONS OF A SERIAL CLIMBER

Author: Marc Twight

Publisher: Mountaineer's Book

Reviewed by Bill Chapman

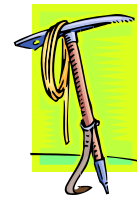
Marc Twight's *Kiss or Kill: Confessions of a Serial Climber* is a collection of 26 stories, all previously published, which were first produced between 1985 and 2000. For the book he rewrote each and adds a year 2000 perspective in which he provides the context in which the story was written and indicates how much of the perspective therein he still holds. These postscripts hold the book together. His perspective on alpinism evolves throughout the book. Twight views them as memoirs documenting his "journey toward maturity as a climber and, consequently, as a human being." The essays are mostly fast-paced, loud, actively and efficiently written. The punk music he listens to and quotes adds effective color to his attitudes.

Certainly few climbers accomplish much without single-minded pursuit, and Twight comes off as the climbing addict he admits he was. The reader's first impression is of a self-obsessed brat who somehow thinks climbing is critical to world welfare. But he reveals that he understands the folly of such an attitude, reflecting after a friend's death in *A Lifetime Before Death*: "I (had) considered (climbing) a valuable way to spend my life; climbing up and down on meaningless heaps of ice and stone." The reader will probably nonetheless come away thinking that it's no matter that in climbing there's no tangible impact on the world at large. Twight succeeds in showing that climbing becomes an arena of vice and virtue, or moral victory and failure. The benefits don't have to be tangible, and Twight credits alpinism's hard lessons of risk and loss with lending him maturity and perspective. Not everyone can go fight in battle - and how few have called it enjoyable. But the soldier - through risk, courage, trust, and shared hardship - will grow quicker and fuller than those insulated at home. Such is Twight's alpine motivation.

He cares little if he alienates people - that's obvious, and stated. He seems most concerned with making an impact, to shock people to think, and second to connect with the few who see the world, and alpinism, similarly. He succeeds in engaging the reader's mind as much as heightening emotions (usually anger or disgust, either with Twight or with him against those he rails). He attacks traditional climbing values such as whether the summit must be reached to claim a route a success. "It matters little what you do, as long as you say what you do." Honesty is a key theme, and in the essay entitled *Voice of Dissent*, Twight even presents his list of missed summits atop routes attained. And he's amusedly self-deprecating. In *House of Pain* he states "I do what I want. I succeed. I fail. Sometimes I'm so lazy I do neither."

The real accomplishment of this book is that it reminds us of the worth in defying society's perpetual quest for further comfort and convenience. And it's a freshly non-narrative style atypical of climbing stories that Twight uses. Hopefully others will learn something from his direct, revealing, and emotional - albeit often over-confrontational - approach. Unlike many accounts of classic climbs - the 1952 K2 account comes to mind - these are not hero stories suitable for your adolescent progeny. And those who want narratives of climbing routes, beauty conveyed - or anything other than the tales of one man who views alpinism as a crucible for growth through risk and suffering - will not like this book. But to the reader with some appreciation of the author's viewpoint, the book it is insightful and entertaining, if sometimes maddening. Read it if you have alpine ambitions - or have a disturbed mind. It's a good read, and you might glean some perspective from it.

THUMBS UP: 4



Climbing Stats for Denali in 2002

- 1,232 climbers attempted Mt. McKinley, with 52% reaching the summit. 36 attempted Mt. Foraker, seven reached the top.
- The average trip length for an expedition on Mt. McKinley was 17.7 days.
- The average age of a Denali climber was 36 years old.
- Women comprised 9% of the climbers, or a total of 110 climbers.
- Guided clients accounted for 20% of climbers on Mt. McKinley. Guided expeditions as a whole (including clients and guides) accounted for 31% of Denali mountaineers.
- A total of 224 summits were made during the month of May, 391 in June, and 30 summits in July. The busiest days on the summit of Denali were June 13th (56 climbers) and June 16th (49 climbers). There were only five days in June that climbers did not reach the top.

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visit <http://www.nps.gov/dena/home/mountaineering/summaryreports/home.html>



Mountaineering Club of Alaska

Approved 2002 Budget

	Approved for 2002	Actual for 2001	Actual for 2000	Actual for 1999	Actual for 1998	Actual for 1997	Jan 96 -Dec 96	Nov 94 -Oct 95	
REVENUE									
Membership Dues	<i>received during calendar year</i>	5,500	5,579	5,858.00	6,311.00	4,151.00	4,422.00	2,116.00	3,620.00
Training	<i>ice climbing, crevasse rescue, other</i>	3,000	3,385	1,815.00	3,630.00	2,995.00	2,175.00	1,870.00	1,822.88
Other:	<i>interest, MCA product sales, advertising</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	267.00
Photo Calendar		1,000	1,238	848.00	1,166.00	1,342.00	1,824.00	-	-
MCA Products: T-Shirts, Patches, Etc.		570	602	1,229.50	301.00	495.00	-	-	-
Donations		-	548	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on Accounts		300	285	328.70	321.23	434.82	153.33	-	-
Grant - REI/AAC Road Sign Project		-	-	-	2,300.00	-	-	-	-
Bulk Purchase - AMH Avalanche Gear		-	-	4,108.00	-	-	-	-	-
Bulk Purchase - Chugach State Park Maps		-	-	288.00	-	-	-	-	-
Bulk Purchase - Alaskana Book Sales		-	20	470.00	-	-	-	-	-
Bulk Purchase - Mountain House		-	-	-	-	-	2,380.94	-	-
Grant - TRAAK		2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other -		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other -		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE		12,870	11,656.79	14,945.20	14,029.23	9,417.82	10,955.27	3,986.00	5,709.88
EXPENSE									
Training	<i>campsite and access fees, instructors</i>	3,000	2,593	1,985.00	2,100.00	1,524.38	1,347.50	1,095.00	1,967.50
Scree	<i>postage, mailing, printing (currently free - BP)</i>	4,150	1,125	1,725.10	1,210.92	1,358.90	1,043.80	697.56	1,281.40
General Meeting	<i>rent, refreshments, entertainment</i>	2,000	420	885.73	1,023.14	732.29	891.41	799.79	703.59
Administrative	<i>supplies, forms, PO box, bank fees, phone</i>	1,000	1,161	1,013.12	826.51	678.96	568.50	675.70	362.40
Hut Construction & Maint.	<i>materials, supplies, hut equipment, lease fees*</i>	1,500	600	393.95	1,136.04	290.85	1,313.95	-	5,350.86
Club Equipment	<i>climbing gear, misc equipment</i>	100	262	1,648.07	269.98	682.89	-	484.99	312.98
Library	<i>new books, periodicals, Scree binding</i>	200	24	209.84	263.42	180.24	204.44	208.00	287.73
Other:	<i>miscellaneous expenses</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Photo Calendar		1,000	677	1,175.54	1,803.75	1,227.15	2,912.08	-	-
MCA Products: T-Shirts, Patches, Etc.		250	378	2,062.80	-	684.38	-	-	-
Donation - Memorial for Pia		-	-	-	-	-	500.00	-	-
Grant - REI/AAC Road Sign Project		-	-	-	872.24	-	-	-	-
Bulk Purchase - AMH Avalanche Gear		-	-	4,418.00	-	-	-	-	-
Bulk Purchase - Chugach State Park Maps		-	-	173.50	-	-	-	-	-
Bulk Purchase - Alaskana Book Sales		-	20	400.00	-	-	-	-	-
Bulk Purchase - Mountain House		-	-	-	-	-	2,380.34	-	-
Grant - TRAAK		2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Awards		500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Summit Registers		100	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSE		16,300	7,259.56	16,090.65	9,506.00	7,360.04	11,162.02	3,961.04	10,266.46
DUE TO (FROM) RESERVE		(3,430)	4,397.23	(1,145.45)	4,523.23	2,057.78	(206.75)	24.96	(4,556.58)

This budget proposal was developed by the MCA Board on December 12, 2001.

This proposal should be published in the January 2002 Scree for comments from the membership.

The final budget proposal should be published in the January 2002 Scree for voting by the members at the General Meeting on January 16, 2002.

REV	Dues	No change to membership rate (\$10 individual, \$15 family).
	Training	No significant change anticipated in training revenue.
	Calendar	Calendar revenue will decrease due to decreasing the price of calendars and limiting production to 75 calendars.
	T-Shirts, Patches	Continued sales of T-Shirts & Patches. Possible MCA bumper sticker.
	Interest	Interest, less bank fees, is expected to remain unchanged.
EXP	Training	Ice climbing school and mountaineering training program, club will pay for photocopies and miscellaneous supplies.
	Scree	Propose paying a commercial service to print and mail the Screens.
	General Meeting	Additional funds for a larger meeting place.
	Administration	No significant changes to administrative expenses.
	Hut Maintenance	Human waste disposal system purchase and installation, hut fees, general maintenance.
	Club Equipment	No major purchases planned, replace worn out gear.
	Library	Reduced budgeted library expenses to be closer to actual expenses.
	Calendar	Limiting calendar production to 75.
	T-Shirts, Patches	Possible MCA bumper sticker.
NET	We expect to significantly draw down the reserves during 2002 rather than raise dues at this time.	

CASH BALANCE - All Accounts

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2002	16,026.43
Increase (decrease) during 2002	(3,430.00)
Proposed Balance - December 31, 2002	12,596.43
Current Balance for 2002	16,026.43
Checking - Northrim Bank	8,589.88
Money Market - Northrim Bank	6,386.55
18-month CD - in trust for hut lease - Northrim Bank	1,000.00
Petty Cash	50.00
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS - through 12/31/2001	16,026.43
Ending Balance - December 31, 2001	\$16,026.43

Mountaineering Club of Alaska 2003 (proposed) BUDGET

AS OF 12/18/2002
PROPOSED
FOR 2003

	Current 2,002	Approved for 2002	Percent of Budget	Final for 2001	Final for 2000	Final for 1999	Final for 1998	Final for 1997	Actual Jan 96 -Dec 96	Actual Nov 94 -Oct 95
REVENUE										
Membership Dues	6,000.00	4,094.00	74%	5,579.00	5,828.00	6,311.00	4,151.00	4,422.00	2,116	3,620
Screen subscriptions	500.00	3,000	104%	3,385.00	1,815.00	3,630.00	2,995.00	2,175.00	1,870	1,823
Training	3,200.00	3,125.00	-	32.94	-	-	-	-	-	267
Other:										
Photo Calendar	1,400.00	881.00	88%	1,238.00	848.00	1,166.00	1,342.00	1,824.00	-	-
MCA Products: T-Shirts, Patches, Etc.	300.00	300.00	53%	601.50	1,229.50	301.00	495.00	-	-	-
Donations	55.00	885.00	-	548.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on Accounts	140.00	127.57	43%	283.29	414.89	321.23	434.82	153.33	-	-
Grant - REI/AAC Road Sign Project	-	-	-	-	4,108.00	-	-	-	-	-
Bulk Purchase - AMH Avalanche Gear	-	-	-	-	288.00	-	-	-	-	-
Bulk Purchase - Chugach State Park Maps	-	-	-	20.00	470.00	-	-	-	-	-
Bulk Purchase - Alaska Book Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,380.94	-	-
Bulk Purchase - Mountain House	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other - TRAAK Grant	-	2,900.13	116%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	11,595.00	12,312.70	96%	11,689.73	15,001.39	14,029.23	9,417.82	10,955.27	3,986	5,710
Other -										
Check Revenue Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EXPENSE										
Training	3,000.00	2,479.40	83%	2,593.39	1,985.00	2,100.00	1,524.38	1,347.50	1,095	1,968
Scree	1,500.00	2,870.25	69%	1,125.00	1,725.10	1,210.92	1,358.90	1,043.80	698	1,281
General Meeting	2,300.00	1,660.09	83%	419.91	885.73	1,023.14	732.29	891.41	800	704
Administrative	500.00	291.89	29%	1,160.51	1,027.32	826.51	678.96	568.50	676	362
Hut Construction & Maint.	2,400.00	958.62	64%	600.00	1,136.04	1,136.04	290.85	1,313.95	485	5,351
Club Equipment	600.00	250.00	60%	261.92	1,648.07	269.98	682.89	1,313.95	485	313
Library	250.00	119.80	-	23.58	209.84	263.42	180.24	204.44	208	288
Other:										
Photo Calendar	1,200.00	1,237.50	124%	677.25	1,175.54	1,803.75	1,227.15	2,912.08	-	-
MCA Products: T-Shirts, Patches, Etc.	-	-	-	378.00	2,062.80	-	684.38	500.00	-	-
Donation - Memorial for Pia	-	-	-	-	-	872.24	-	-	-	-
Grant - REI/AAC Road Sign Project	-	-	-	-	4,418.00	-	-	-	-	-
Bulk Purchase - AMH Avalanche Gear	-	-	-	-	173.50	-	-	-	-	-
Bulk Purchase - Chugach State Park Maps	-	-	-	20.00	400.00	-	-	-	-	-
Bulk Purchase - Alaska Book Sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,380.34	-	-
Bulk Purchase - Mountain House	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Meekins Grant	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other - TRAAK Grant	-	3,000.00	120%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Awards	250.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Summit Registers	100.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSE	12,100.00	12,617.55	77%	7,259.56	16,104.85	9,506.00	7,360.04	11,162.02	3,961	10,266
Check Expense Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DUE TO (FROM) RESERVE	(505.00)	(304.85)	9%	4,430.17	(1,103.46)	4,523.23	2,057.78	(206.75)	25	(4557)

CASH BALANCE - All Accounts

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2002	16,026.43
Increase (decrease) during 2002	(304.85)
Current Balance 2002	15,721.58
Checking - Northern Bank	8,815.13
Money Market - Northern Bank	6,476.32
18-month CD - in trust for hut lease - Northern Bank	1,000.00
Petty Cash	50.00
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS - 2002	16,341.45
Ending Balance - December 31, 2002	16,026.43

Check Totals	16,026.43
Not Finished	16,026.43

2003 Meekins Expedition Grant Program Mountaineering Club of Alaska

The Meekins Expedition Grant Program was created in 2002 by a donation from Mike Meekins to assist a young Alaskan climber finance an Alaskan mountaineering expedition in 2003. The Mountaineering Club of Alaska (MCA) will administer the selection and award of this grant.

The merit-based 2003 Meekins Expedition Grant will award \$200 on February 1, 2003 to a young Alaskan mountaineer who best meets the selection criteria listed below. Applicants must be 2002 and 2003 MCA members and must not yet be 26 years old by the award date to qualify.

Selection Criteria:

- ✍ The Meekins Expedition Grant will be awarded to a member of a small, low-impact team attempting a unique mountaineering objective within Alaska.
- ✍ Expeditions should undertake a unique challenge--either a first ascent, significant repeat, or a first alpine-style ascent.
- ✍ Project originality, route aesthetics and overall vision are more important than sheer difficulty of the project.
- ✍ Special consideration will be given to a climber whose plans best exemplify "fast, light and clean" and those leaving no trace of their passage.
- ✍ Applicants must not yet be 26 years old by the award date of February 1, 2003 to qualify.
- ✍ Recipient must agree to provide a written report for the MCA monthly newsletter, Scree within 3 months of returning from the expedition. The recipient may also be requested to provide a slide show at a monthly MCA meeting within the following 12 months.
- ✍ The Meekins Expedition Grant is not the appropriate venue for projects involving competition, fund-raising or media-sponsored events.

Application Procedure:

Applicants meeting the above Selection Criteria are encouraged to apply. Application is free-form; the most complete and comprehensive application will be given priority consideration. Maps, photos and any other relevant information may also be included with your application.

Please include the following information:

- ?? Complete biographical information, including a copy of an identification verifying your eligible age.
- ?? Project you intent to request funding for.
- ?? Complete mountaineering resume.
- ?? Contact information for two Alaskan mountaineers willing to verify information provided to us.
- ?? Most importantly, an essay on why you should be chosen to receive the 2003 Meekins Expedition Grant.

About Mike Meekins:

Mike Meekins operates a flight service out of both Palmer and his homestead at mile 95 of the Glenn Highway by Matanuska Glacier. He is best-known among the MCA community for flying members into the MCA Scandanavian Glacier Hut and surrounding area on the Matanuska Glacier since its construction in 1990.

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