



MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA      BOX 2037      ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99510

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FEBRUARY MEETING

Swan- -Shon: - Wednesday, February 21, 1979, Central Senior High School (15th and T.) in the multipurpose room between the hours of 7 and 10 p.m.

MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING, MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by President LaDue and the following business was discussed:

1. An informational questionnaire was distributed in order to ascertain the interests and abilities of the members.
2. Vickie Crawford volunteered to edit the Scree.
3. A new procedure for using the Pieps was announced.
  - a. They are to be checked out to club members only. (note that MCA sponsored trips have first priority)
  - b. Individuals will supply their own batteries (four AA Alkaline).
  - c. A \$10.00 refundable deposit is required.
  - d. Pieps are to be checked out from the ski or climbing chairman.
  - e. The ski chairman will indicate with a (?) on the ski touring schedule in the Scree, those ski trips on which he will be using the Pieps.
4. Dick Thaler, the ski chairperson, announced that the meeting place for the ski trips will still be the Fred Meyer parking lot at 7:00 a.m.
5. Bob Hume announced that anyone interested in ordering a Pieps should sign up with him. Please note that a cheaper rate is available for more orders.
6. The February meeting will be the Swan- -Shon on Wednesday, February 21 between 7 and 10 p.m. at the multipurpose room at Central Senior High.

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7. Craig Penkert announced that he is seeking a group purchase of USCS maps: A 30% discount is available for an order of maps worth \$300.00. He will make available a map and price index at the February Swap-Shop.
8. Craig also received favorable feedback from the MCA members regarding the George Love slide presentation in December. Those that attended indicated they would like to see similar MCA sponsored programs in the future.
9. The purchase of an MCA club patch was presented to the members: Although interest seemed to be contingent on price, there was a general consensus that \$3.00 would be a reasonable price.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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ADVANCE ORDERS FOR PATCHES:

The MCA Executive Board will be taking advance orders for club patches at the February and March meetings. The cost per patch is \$3.00. (Following the March meeting, the cost per patch will be \$3.25) Those who have questions about the patches should contact Dave Klinger at 862-5170.

MAPS AT A DISCOUNT:

At the February Swap-Shop, Craig Penkert will be accepting orders for USCS maps at a 30% discount. However, in order to qualify for the discount, \$300.00 worth of maps must be purchased - so plan now for your future trips. Map indexes will be available at the Swap-Shop for your perusal.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Mans G. Waale of 3080 Pershing Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92405, is of the opinion that Dr. Cook was, in fact, the first to successfully climb McKinley. He would like those who have close-up photographs of the summit of McKinley to contact him and he will pay them well for their help in this investigation. (Reference Anchorage Sunday Times, January 21, Section B-6) For further information contact Mans directly or the Editor of the Screen--

THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS:

Representatives from the National Park Service will speak at our March 21 meeting on how we can make best use of the National Monuments. In addition, they will discuss their management of the new system. This will be an opportunity for club members to express their feelings on how we would like to see the parks used. In a recent letter to the MCA, Bob Carhart, the climbing ranger for Mt. McKinley National Park, outlined a plan that would liberalize

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climbing regulations in the parks. He is proposing that all climbers above 5000' simply tell the park service where they are going and an expected return time. Also, climbers should then check out on their return. Bob's letter will be available at the February Swan-Shop.

EXPEDITION TO MEXICO:

I have planned a trip to Mexico between the 6th and 21st of April to climb the three highest volcanos which are Crizaba at 18,700', Popocatepetl at 17,887', and Ixtaccihouatl at 17,343'. The plan is to spend about 8 days climbing and the rest of the time relaxing on the beach and enjoying the sun. These are not difficult mountains to climb although some climbing experience will be helpful. If you are in good condition and are interested in an exciting climbing trip contact Graig Penkert at 277-783.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR SKIERS:

Southcentral Alaska Avalanche Forecast: 274-4113  
 Southcentral Alaska Recreation and Weather Forecast: 938-2727  
 Alaska State Park Recreation Information: 274-8713  
 Chugach National Forest: 272-4485  
 National Weather Service Forecaster: 274-2051  
 Mt. McKinley National Park: 883-2295  
 Highway and Weather Conditions: 333-1013  
 Southcentral Alaska Search and Rescue: 277-2131

SKI TOURING SCHEDULE:

Feb 17, 18 and 19, Sat-Sun (President's Day) Resurrection Pass Trail. About 38 miles one way, 2000' elevation gain. One half of group starts at one end and the other half at the other end, eliminating the car shuttle.

Mar 3 and 4, Sat & Sun - Fern Mine near Hatcher Pass. About 14 miles round trip to cabin above mine, 1800' elevation gain if road plowed to turn off to Fern mine.

Mar 17 & 18, Sat & Sun - Glen Alps to Williwaw Lakes at the base of Mt. Williwaw (5445'). About 12 miles round trip, 800' elevation gain with some ups and downs. Climbers can try Mt. Williwaw via Southwest gully and south ridge.

Mar 30, 31 and Apr 1, Fri-Sun - Mint Glacier. About 16 miles round trip, 2500' elevation gain from Little Su Roadhouse to Mint Glacier cabin.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

I would like to request that all items be submitted to me at the monthly NCA meetings or mailed to my home at 300 E. 15th, Apt. 1,