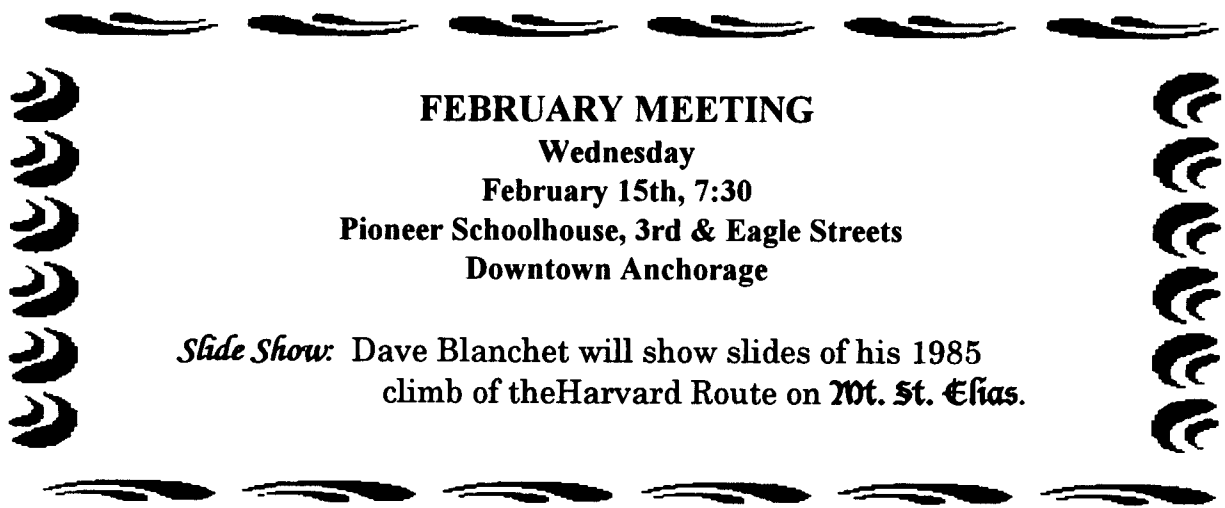


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FEBRUARY MEETING

Wednesday

February 15th, 7:30

**Pioneer Schoolhouse, 3rd & Eagle Streets
 Downtown Anchorage**

Slide Show: Dave Blanchet will show slides of his 1985
 climb of the Harvard Route on Mt. St. Elias.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

MINUTES

Feb 27- Mar 5 Leadership Training
 To help club members on club outings. Focus will be on leadership, safety and non-technical skills. Two evening sessions at A.P.U. and a day trip. Limit 8 people. Cost \$20-\$30.
 Contact: Jonathan Rose 278-3189

Mar 18-19 Snow Shelter Class
 Location depends on snow. Need shovel, snow saw, bivi sack, skis, overnight gear. Learn to make a cave, an igloo, a Logan trench, and more. Then sleep in it. If conditions are good, we may do a climb on the next day. (Bring ice axe, avalanche beacon, crampons, if interested.) Limit 12 people, unless more instructors can be found.
 Instructor: Willy Hersman 373-4734

JANUARY MEETING

January 18, 1995

Mike Miller called the meeting to order, and welcomed new members.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Money Market:	\$7573.79
Checking :	\$2112.97
Petty Cash:	<u>\$57.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$9743.76

Ron Rickman also mentioned that he was been inundated with new membership and membership renewal letters. He is working through the letters and expects to mail out the club membership cards in the next week.



COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Training.

James Larabee announced that he will leading a session on Ice Axe Training. The session will focus on self-arrest, boot/axe belay, and general use/safety of the ice axe. Meet at the Glen Alps parking at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 4, 1995. For more information, contact James at 522-3854.

Jonathan Rose announced he will be leading a training session this coming Saturday, January 21, 1995 on avalanches. He hopes to put some of the information which Nick Parker gave us at the meeting into practical applications. Meet at the Glen Alps parking at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, 1995. For more information, contact Jonathan at 278-3189.

Jonathan Rose announced the MCA will be sponsoring a leadership training course at Alaska Pacific University. The goal in sponsoring the course is to improve the leadership skills of club members (both those who have lead trips in the past and who have not lead a trip) and develop new trip leaders. The course will focus on leadership, safety and non-technical skills. It will be conducted during the last week in February and the weekend of March 4-5, 1995. The course has room for eight participants. If you are interested in taking the course, please contact Jonathan for more information.

James Larabee announced that the club is looking for volunteering to lead training sessions. Possible training subjects include telemark skiing, backpacking, winter camping, rope skills, ice climbing, rock climbing, expedition planning, international travel, etc. The training subject is limited only by your imagination. If you would like to lead a MCA training session, please contact James.

Hiking and Climbing.

Don Hansen announced that he is recruiting people to go on a two week backpacking trip through Katmai National Park. The trip will be a traverse from Katmai Bay on the Shelikof Straits to Brooks Camp. Along the way, the trip will pass through the "Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes." The trip is planned for July 22, 1995 through August 5, 1995. Please see Don at the next general membership meeting if you're interested.

Bill Wakeland announced that his April trip to backpack the Grand Canyon is already full. However, he is taking names for the waiting list. Please call Bill at 563-6246 if you interested in this trip.

Parks Advisory.

Scott Bailey announced that the new mayor, Rick Mystrom, is a strong supporter of the trails system and it appears the Eagle

River trails plan will be implemented. A new trail is planned between Fire Lake and Peter's Creek. He also announced he is trying to get the Army Corps of Engineers to leave the shelter which they have been using at the Indian fuel spill clean-up site in place. The shelter would need to be fixed up but could potentially become a permanent shelter.

Stan Aarsund announced that he has a victory to report. Last April, Stan went for a mid-day hike in Chugach State Park from the Upper Huffman parking lot. He was gone approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours. He returned to find the windows broken out of his car and the stereo speakers ripped out. Stan walked down to the nearest house and called the Anchorage Police Department. Due the value of property involved and the location, APD declined to come out and investigate. Instead, they told him that they would send him a form to fill out and return. Stan decided he would contact the Chugach Park Rangers to see if there was anything they could do. Park Rangers Frank Wesser and Jerry Lenanski responded. They interviewed Stan, inspected the vehicle and arranged to do a full scale investigation including towing Stan's car to the Alaska State Trooper's Office and having it fingerprinted. While Ranger Wesser gave Stan a ride home, Ranger Lenanski drove up to the Glen Alps parking lot. There he found a pickup with three teenage boys in it as well as Stan's missing speakers. The thieves were apprehended and sentenced to make restitution. The story has a happy ending as Stan has received a check from each of the three boys totaling approximately \$384.00.

Huts.

Mike Miller announced that the club plans on building a new hut (or huts) this year. The most likely location of the new hut will be in the Moose Creek drainage. However, repair of the Mint Hut outhouse has priority over construction of a new hut. Dave Staeheli has proposed an alternate or second site in the Kashwitna drainage over Moosehead Pass and north of Montana peak. The Hut Committee will be inspecting both sites and considering construction of huts in both locations. However, two huts may be too taxing on the treasury. Consequently, the hut committee is in need of the following help:

-Any type of construction materials or tools. This includes lumber, windows, cabinets, nails, screws, hinges, paint, roofing, sheet metal, flashing, etc. The material do not need to be new. Used lumber would be fine. Please contact Mike Miller if you have anything to contribute.

-A volunteer to coordinate a fund raising drive to off set the costs of constructing the new huts. Possible ideas include selling T-shirts, mugs, caps, calendars or any other type of profitable and easy to sell item. Please contact Mike Miller if you have any ideas or would like to volunteer.

ADZE

For Sale

Plastic Climbing Boots;
Lowa Quantums; Size
10; good condition;
\$149.00. Willy 265-
6405 days.



Wanted

Climbing accounts
from past Alaskan
climbs for an
upcoming publication.
Looking for stories
which are out of the
ordinary, and have
general audience
appeal. Bill Sherwonit
345-1882

Wanted

Two to three climbing
partners interested in
climbing West Buttress
or West Rib this
spring. Want to go
end of May or early
June. Must have
necessary qualifica-
tions. Remember,
there is a 60-day notice
required to climb
Denali starting this
year.
Kevin DeGeorge
333-5990h, 561-5829w

