



MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA BOX 2037 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA 99510

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MARCH MEETING

The meeting will be held Wednesday, March 16th, at 8:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of Central Junior High School, 15th and C Streets, Anchorage, Alaska. After the business meeting, the film *Everest's North Wall* will be shown. This is a highly acclaimed climbing film narrated by Robert Redford.

MINUTES FOR MCA FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

The February meeting of MCA was held on the 23rd, at the Pioneer School House, third floor, Third and Eagle, Anchorage, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm by President Rick Severn. The reading of the January general meeting was approved as published in SCREE. Treasurer Reggie Buchanan reported:

\$ 848.52	- Bank Account
4,957.19	- Money Market Plus Account
320.21	- Petty Cash
<u>\$4,373.65</u>	- Total

New members and guests were: Michael Birtles, Steve Campbell, Kate Cannon, Pam Engle, Paul Hickey, Meg Kremer, Gloria Manni, Curvin Metzler, David Nyman, Mark Rolerson, Alice Tower, Mickey Uppendahl.

I. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Hiking: Dona Agosti 243-0039
Anyone interested in cross-country skiing on Tuesdays, call Dona.
- B. Library: Mike Frank 243-7645
Nothing to report.
- C. Programs: Ernie Borjon 344-8661
Everest's North Wall, a 16 mm film narrated by Robert Redford will be presented at the March meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Jim Whitaker will be at Nordstrom's, Saturday, February 26, from 1-4 p.m. All club members are invited.
2. The Alaska World Affairs Council will meet at the National Bank of Alaska on Northern Lights and C Streets, Wednesday, March 16, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Mrs. Rodman Wilson. Her topic will be "Adaptation Over 14,000 Feet: High Altitude Studies in Peru". There will be slides. Admission is a \$3.00 donation at the door, but there will be wine and cheese.
3. Sheila Evans Hansen addressed the club on proposed changes for the Resurrection Trail. Included were comments on proposals to salvage beetle-damaged timber which stands in the north end of Resurrection Valley, and to improve the access for, and management of, intensive recreation and mining activity in the same area.

Much of the timber in this area has been killed or is being damaged by spruce park beetles. In addition, the existing road in the valley, constructed many years ago, is not adequate for the increasing vehicular use related to recreating and mining there. With a salvage timber sale, money for access to the sale may be made available to improve the road access and build a new bridge. Without a timber sale, this money is not available within the framework of the Forest Service regulations.

Briefly, at issue are the potential impacts of timber harvest and road building upon recreation and other uses of the area. Concerns are that the timber be salvaged, that conflicting uses of the area be resolved, and that this be done with minimal alteration of other resources and cost efficiency. There are opportunities to improve wildlife habitat, enhance the recreation experience, meet local needs for employment and timber products, and improve access to the area for all users.

Comments regarding the alternatives should be submitted by February 28, 1983, to Chugach National Forest, P.O. Box 10-469, Anchorage, Alaska 99511.

4. The March meeting, as well as April and May, will be held at Central Junior High School, 15th and C Steets, in the multipurpose room.
5. Thank you, Joyce Barnett, for your slide presentation on the Ptarmigan Traverse and the Bath Lake Traverse in the Northern Cascades.

6. Refreshments provided by Eileen Cavanaugh and Wally Lewis.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Helms

PORTAGE PASS TRIP

Rain and warm temperatures left Portage Lake with bare ice and standing water and forced cancellation of the Sunday ski trip on January 30th. Four MCA members did make the trip to Whittier via the tunnels, however, in time for the Super Bowl. Skip King, Ron VanBergeyk, Joy Hornberger, and I were wishing we had our skis as we popped out of the last tunnel into fresh snow on the Whittier side of the mountains.

Willy Hersman

CLIMBERS FOR SANFORD

Climbers are wanted to fill out a party for a mid-April expedition to Mt. Sanford. Contact Rudi Bertshi at 263-2138 or 279-2689.

MCA MEETING REFRESHMENTS

According to the letter of your last name, all members are requested to bring edible refreshments of their choice (cookies, cake, sweet rools, chips, etc.) to the MCA meeting for the month designated. Liquid refreshments will be provided by the club.

Jan	A B	May	I J	Sept	Q R
Feb	C D	Jun	K L	Oct	S T
Mar	E F	Jul	M N	Nov	U V
Apr	G H	Aug	O P	Dec	W X Y Z

And thank you to all!!

LIBRARY

The new library committee consists of Dona Agosti, Jim Morrison, and Mike Frank.

The yet unorganized library is now located at Mike Grank's house which is at 2224 Turnagain Parkway, phone 243-7645. Take West Northern Lights towards Earthquake Park. At the traffic light about two blocks beyond the ARR crossing, turn right on Turnagain Parkway. The Franks are home most weekday evenings, some week-ends, usually every Sunday evening after 7:00 p.m. Feel free to come over anytime, but it is advisable to call in advance to make sure someone's home.

PROPOSED HIKING SCHEDULE for the MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA
SUMMER 1983

Editor's note: If you have comments or suggestions please call Hiking Chairman Dona Agosti at 248-0089.

- May 14 Rainbow Peak via Old Johnson Trail. Drive to Rainbow Valley, then hike back on Old Johnson Trail to a starting point about midway between the Valley and McHugh Creek. May be some snow yet, but this is a good spring conditioner. Meet at UAA Sports Complex at 8:30 AM. By leaving early, we may have time to hike the ridge back towards the Suicide Peaks. Leader: Gene Klymko, 349-4258.
- May 28, 29, 30 (Memorial Day Weekend) Sheep Valley via Kings River and Young Creek. This will be a new adventure for MCAers and anyone expecting groomed trails and no surprises, should not sign up for this one. Trail leaves from Kings River on the Glenn Highway and crosses Young Creek enroute to Sheep Valley and Sheep River Glacier. Leave UAA Sports Complex Saturday morning at a time to be determined by leader Bill Wakeland. Phone, 563-6246 (home).
- June 4 Near Point and beyond, if desired. One day hike. This peak is on the ridge between North Fork Campbell Creek and an unnamed valley in the Chugach Mountains above Anchorage. Leave UAA Sports Complex at 9:00 AM.
- June 11,12 Squaw Creek Trail via Gunsight Mountain Trail. Road leaves gravel pit at Mile 117.6 (opposite Powerline Pole No. 7151) on the Glenn Highway. This hike is described as "No. 49, Squaw Creek to Belanger Pass" in *55 Ways to the Wilderness...* However, the hike is too long to complete in two days, so we will aim for Twin Peak about 9 miles in and return by the same route. Leader to be announced.
- June 18, 19 Annual Flat Top Sleepout. Leader: President Rick Severn. Amble up to Flat Top at your convenience Saturday afternoon or evening and enjoy the summer solstice with fellow hikers. Tent overnight or leave when you wish. If we get a fire permit, we'll have a fire.
- June 24, 25, 26 Blackstone Bay, Prince William Sound. Take train to Whittier Friday. Board cruise boat to Blackstone Bay. Camp out and hike or ski on the glacier. You will need downhill touring skis with good edges, also skins; it will be necessary to rope up while crossing glacier. Those who prefer to walk will find delightful beachcombing. There are also fish in the bay. Ludwig Ferche, who will lead this group, believes this is one of the more beautiful places in North America. Call Ludwig at 344-9881 for further details. Round trip train fare will be \$18.00. Trains will probably leave Portage around 1:20, 3:20, and 6:20 PM. Cruise boat fare estimated to be about \$50.00 round trip.

- July 1, 2, 3, 4 Girdwood-Arctic Valley Traverse. Leave Friday evening from Crow Creek Parking Lot. Camp in Clear Glacier cirque Friday night. This is an energetic 40 mile hike through some very beautiful country. Call Bill Stivers for details. 562-4885.
- July 2, 3 Victor Creek Trail to Andy Simon Mountain area. This is an untested trail which leaves the Seward Highway at Mile 20. Hiker last year said he was surprised to find a mountain goat at the 3500 foot elevation. Meet at Kenai Cutoff at 10 AM, July 2. Please call leader ahead of time, however, to let her know you are coming. Dona Agosti, 248-0089.
- July 8, 9, Eklutna Glacier hike to Pichler's Perch. Drive to Eklutna Lake Friday evening, boat across to campground at foot of glacier and camp overnight. Climb to Eklutna hut Saturday. Hike out same route Sunday. Elevation gain about 3000 feet. Crampons, ice axes and ropes can be checked out at AMH. Leader: Tim Neale, 274-4952.
- July 16, 17 Castle Mountain. Leave Glenn Highway from Chickaloon Road and exit via Permanente Road, Mile 71.8. There is a trail around the mountain in this very pretty Talkeetna Mountain area. Four-wheel drive volunteers needed. Leader: Mark Skok. Call Dona for reservations and details. 248-0089.
- July 23 - Aug. 2, 3 Gates of Arctic National Park and Preserve, Brooks Range. Group 1 will depart International Airport on Wien Flight 71 at 7 AM on July 23, arrive in Fairbanks at 7:50 AM, depart Fairbanks at 9:00 AM and arrive in Bettles at 10:10 AM. Shortly thereafter, Group 1 will depart Bettles in two Beavers and a 206 for Chimney Lake in the Central Brooks Range. Hiking route will parallel Clear River, then St. Patrick's Creek to confluence of Amawk Creek and North Fork Koyukuk River. Group will then hike down Koyukuk to Bombardment Creek, climb Doonerak Mountain and return to Amawk. Exit will be from Summit Lake. Group 2 will leave Anchorage on same schedule as Group 1, but will not depart Bettles until Sunday, July 24. Group 3 will depart Monday, July 25, and return August 3. Group 2 will be led by Don Hanson. Group 3 will be led by Jim Schiewe. All organizational arrangements and equipment checks will be handled by Dona Agosti. Bill Wakeland will co-lead Group 1. Reservations are now closed for this trip.
- July 30, 31 Reed Lakes or Mint Glacier cabin. Leader needed.
- Aug. 5, 6, 7 Wolverine Canyon from Wolverine Road, Palmer. Leader: Bill Wakeland, 563-6246.
- Aug. 13 - 27 Arrigetch Peaks, Brooks Range. Ludwig Ferche has offered to lead this hike through a very spectacular area of the Brooks Range. At present, he plans to land at Takahula Lake, hike up Takahula River valley, then cut across to 4662 Creek valley, and up to the "Valley of the Three Lakes" (named by a previous MCA group). Read September 1976 SCREE for a summary of this route to the Arrigetch. Call Ludwig for further details 344-9881.

- Aug. 13 - 17 We would like to schedule a hike through *Chitna Pass via Hicks Creek and Boulder Creek*, but need a volunteer to lead this five day adventure. The trip is described as Hike 48 in *55 Ways to the Wilderness in Southcentral Alaska*. Call Dona if you'd like to offer your help. 248-0089.
- Aug. 20, 21 We have a choice this weekend of either *Surprise Creek*, across the Kenai River from Jim's Landing (Skilak Road and Sterling Highway), or the *Harding Icefield* via the new road and bridge about 4 miles out of Seward. I need a leader for either one. Call Dona, 248-0089.
- Aug. 27, 28 *Bird Pass, via Bird Creek*. We tried this one last year using the swinging bridge across Bird Creek, but ran into impenetrable brush about two miles beyond the crossing. This year we're going to hike all the way to the creek on the south side, then ford the creek and hike the horsetrail to the lake at the pass. Some who tried fording the creek last year ran into shoulder-high water, so if anyone knows any tricks for getting across Bird Creek, please let us know. Bill Stivers and Michael Frank will lead this one. 562-4885.
- Sept. 3, *Curry Ridge, via Byers Lake entrance*. Even though the trail gets steep at times, this hike to the ridge with its awesome view of McKinley is worth the effort. Meet at UAA Sports Complex either Friday evening or Saturday morning. Check with leader Ludwig Ferche, 344-9881.

If the weather holds, we'll schedule September hikes. To be announced later.