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-APRIL MEETING-

Wednesday, April 13, at 8:00 p.m. in the Pioneer School House, Third and Eagle, Anchorage, Alaska. Jeff Babcock will present a slide show on Hiking the Brooks Range between Anaktavuk Pass and Wiseman.

!!!DUES!!!

There still seems to be some confusion on how dues are to be paid. Dues are paid on an annual basis from January to January. If, however, you wish to participate in the annual ice climbing school and pay your dues in September, your dues will then be current through the following January (obtaining 3 months free membership!). If your dues are paid in August, however, you will be current through December of that year only.

\*THE MINT GLACIER MESS

An attempt to take insulation to the Mint Glacier cabin by means of a snowmobile aborted. For details attend the April 13th meeting. We are presently seeking a more viable means to transport the styrofoam insulation to the cabin so any suggestions or ideas will be appreciated. Please let us know at the April 18th meeting.

BASIC WINTER/SPRING CAMPING

April 21 and 22; O'Malley Peak Area. Be certain to attend the April 13 meeting if you are interested. Tim Neale will lead. #274-495

TENTATIVE HIKING SCHEDULE - MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA - 1979

<u>DATE</u>	<u>WHERE AND WHAT</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
May 19-20	GULL ROCK. This trail begins near hope in the Porcupine Campground. It is a favorite early spring trek because the snow departs relatively early. However, the ground is still muddy, except for the area at Gull Rock itself which is great for camp-	Dave Klinger 362-5170

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ing even this early. This hike is especially recommended for beginners and new to Alaska hikers because Dave Klinger will be teaching beginning camping skills both before and during the hike. Round trip 9 miles. Leave Fred Meyer 7 AM Saturday, return Sunday P.M.

- May 26,27, CHICKALOON TRAIL. This trail begins at Dona Agosti  
23 Purinton Creek, Mile 89 on the Glenn High- 279-2901  
MEMORIAL way, then ascends to a scenic ridge and moves  
DAY east to Boulder Creek. There is an ideal  
WEEKEND campsite at Simpson Cabin about 3 miles in.  
From here hikers can do their own thing the  
next day, either hiking to the Chitna Pass  
area, or crossing Boulder (easy) and ascend-  
ing some of the drainages. This is a good  
trip for families and the more serious hikers  
as well. We will exit via the Chickaloon  
River trail (also known as Chickaloon-Knik-  
Welchina trail), a distance of about twelve  
miles, mostly downhill, and very scenic. We  
will enter the highway via a private homestead  
rather than through the village of Chickaloon.  
There is about a 12 mile distance between  
Purinton and Chickaloon, so we will leave a  
car at the exit. Leave Fred Meyer 7 AM sharp  
Saturday morning.
- June 2 DAY HIKE to MOUNT EKLUTNA (or other Eklutna Tony  
Valley hike) This location is behind Thunder- Bockstahler  
bird Falls area, and it's been a long time 694-2323  
since anyone has led a hike there. If we run  
into problems with access, we will transfer it  
to East or West Twins which trailhead begins  
near Lake Eklutna. Easy enough for beginning  
hikers. Leave Fred Meyer 7 AM and meet Tony  
in Eagle River shopping center.
- June 3 BIRD CREEK RIDGE Leader Needed  
This is an energetic hike, but not difficult  
in the Bird Creek area (about 25 miles from  
Anchorage on the Seward Highway). The view  
from 3205 is magnificent and while there will  
still be a bit of snow, it is not impossible  
to negotiate. Meet Fred Meyer 8 AM.
- June 2-3 LAZY MOUNTAIN, MATANUSKA PEAK (Mt. Vigor) Valerie Larue  
This trail begins near Palmer on the old 277-7074  
Palmer Highway and ascends fairly steeply,  
but it's a great favorite as a spring con-  
ditioner. Valerie will try for the peak,  
but to each his own. Those who wish can make

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it an overnight. Leave Fred Meyer 7 AM.

- June 9,10      HATCHER PASS ROAD TO HOUSTON      Chuck Heath  
This is a long (maybe 20 miles) hike from      376-5790  
the Hatcher Pass road along an old, and  
sometimes overgrown trail. Only adventurous  
need apply, because we're all experimenting  
on this one. Meet Fred Meyer 7 AM sharp.  
Saturday.
- June 16-17      COOPER LAKE TO UPPER RUSSIAN TO LOWER      Pierce &  
RUSSIAN. This was such a favorite last year      Emile  
FATHERS      that we're repeating it. Leader will      McIntosh  
DAY      arrange to have campsite reserved at Russian  
River Campground for "end of the trail cele-  
bration" on Sunday afternoon. If possible, we  
will try to reserve new cabin several miles  
below Upper Russian - if it's available to the  
public. Upper Russian is usually crowded near  
the old cabin. This trail is not too difficult  
for young people, provided they can hike 10  
miles in one day. Total mileage is about 20  
miles.
- June 23      FLAT TOP SLEEPOUT - An annual tradition      President  
for 21 years. Each hiker is asked to bring      Valerie  
a log for the fire. President rue will Larue  
obtain a fire permit. If you've never seen  
this honest to goodness flat top overlooking      277-7074  
Anchorage, then this is your chance to be  
with a lively group. Slightly steep at the  
end, but within the capabilities of most hikers.  
There will be no coordinated departure. Just  
drive up to the Glen Alps parking lot at your  
leisure anytime Saturday afternoon and plan to  
stay overnight, or depart at will. The trail is  
well defined. However, remember to walk up the  
road through the Glen Alps homes and then to  
the left if you want a shorter trip. Others  
may prefer walking over to South Fork Campbell  
Creek Valley and then up.
- June 30      EMERALD LAKE (NEAR BASE OF TIKSHLA)      Dave Klinger  
July 1      Dave plans to depart from the dog trail      862-5170  
behind Chugach Foot Hills, then up via Chester  
Creek to its headwaters. Those who want only  
a day hike can return from this point; others  
may wish to camp at this scenic point over-  
looking the entire Anchorage-Palmer area, as  
well as the Alaska Range in the background.  
From here, those who wish can get an early

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start to Emerald Lake in the Snowhawk Valley drainage, and also try for Temptation Peak at 5350'. There is about an 1800 foot altitude gain in 2 1/2 miles on the first portion of this trip.

- 4 PORTAGE PASS (Trip No. 21 in "The Book") Al Robinson  
 You can drive to Portage, put your car on the train and get off in Whittier. Or you can go from Anchorage to Whittier on the train. This trail starts in Whittier and meanders through Portage Pass. Return on the Whittier train later in the day. Unfortunately, a glacier prevents our walking all the way back to Portage. 279-3873

- 7,8 PTARMIGAN LAKE. This is a beautiful hike along Ptarmigan Creek (fishermen note) which departs from Ptarmigan Campground, Mile 23 Seward Highway. Dick knows a campsite about midway along the lake. If you don't mind bushwacking, there are lots of possibilities towards the upper end for the lake and elsewhere. You can return via the upper trail for a change of scenery. Good for kids. Dick Thaler 243-5241

- July 14,15 KING MOUNTAIN TRAIL Bill Moss  
 Although there is a cable crossing of Matanuska River just behind King Mountain Lodge (Mile 76? Glenn Highway), it requires some do-it-yourself pulling and you might end up in the middle of the river with no strength to get yourself back. So we have planned to cross the river upstream in rafts and walk up to the trail near King Mountain. This is hunter's territory, but few hikers have been into the area. Moderately difficult. (Call Dona Agosti 279-2901)

- July 21, INDIAN VALLEY Gene Klymko  
 22 Depart Glen Alps, walk up South Fork Valley then to ridge below Ramp overlooking Ship Lake; thence down into Ship Lake and camp via small lake which can be seen near ridge (or near Ship Lake if crowd is tired); exit via Indian Pass and Indian, or if no one wants to leave a car at Indian, back over Powerline Pass and out. 274-6753(h)

- July 28- KODIAK ISLAND Dick Tero  
 Aug 5 The trip begins about 45 miles out of Kodiak (Call Dona Agosti- at Saltery Cove-Ugak Bay, proceeds westward

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to Mount Glotto (4405') (the second highest 279-2901) peak on the island), and ends near Middle Bay. We will have several beach parties and end the tour with a viewing of "Cry of the Wild Ram" on August 4. Return to Anchorage August 5. Wien's charter rate for 10 persons is \$32.06 round trip. We will leave at 9:30 AM Saturday morning. This promises to be a fun trip complete with scenery, King Crab and good theatre.

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## REED LAKES

This is a favorite destination in the Talkeetnas where the big kids can climb Lynx Peak and the little kids can play Indian-around the huge boulders in this mountain glen overlooking a turquoise lake and beautiful falls. The route is via Snowbird Mine off the Hatcher Pass road. (Trip 44 in The Book)

Leader Needed

August 4, OPEN (Suggestions solicited)  
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August 11, PETERS HILLS  
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Leader Needed

August 18, GUNSITE MOUNTAIN, SQUAW CREEK, BELANGER PASS. This trail begins near Gunsite Mountain Lodge about Mile 126 on the Glenn Highway and winds through some great back-country.  
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Jim Nagan  
822-5509

August 25, COLORADO CREEK TO RIDGE  
26 This will be a new venture for everyone, beginning near Sunrise Inn on the Seward Highway and ascending to some old mining country. Others have exited near the private Fox Creek cabin on Resurrection Trail, but this means car shifting, so we will explore the ridge and return via the same route.

Dona Agosti  
279-2901

Sept 1, LOST LAKE  
2,3 Long time favorite beginning at Campground near end of Kenai Lake and exiting at Mile 5 near Seward. Valerie will lead a group in a try for Mt. Ascension on Sunday. Others can loaf and pick berries that day.  
LABOR DAY

Valerie Larue  
277-7074

Sept 1, PINOCHILE CREEK (Mile 99, Glenn Highway)  
2 Margaret bills this as a berry picking trip. There is some neat camping just over the pass.

Margaret  
Leonard  
333-9105

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Later hikes as weather permits

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

SCREE is the Monthly Publication of the Mountaineering Club of Alaska. I would like to remind you that all items for publication must be submitted at the monthly meeting or mailed to my home at 1236 w. 5th Ave., Apt. 3, Anchorage, Alaska 99501, no later than the FIRST of each month to be considered for that month's publication. Thanks. Vickie L. Crawford, Editor

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