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## MAY MEETING

Wednesday, May 18, 8 PM, Pioneer Schoolhouse, Third and Eagle, Anchorage, Alaska. Program by EARL REDMAN will be "Crisis on Foraker," the photo story of a winter assault on Denali's Wife, and the climbing accident which aborted the expedition. There will also be a mini-slide show.

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## MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING, MOUNTAINEERING CLUB OF ALASKA

Wednesday, April 20, 1977, Romig Junior High School Cafeteria, 3600 Minnesota Drive.

The meeting was called to order shortly after 8 PM. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report showed: Checking, \$743.85; Savings, \$433.77; Cash-on-Hand, \$41.50; Undeposited Checks, \$20.00; for a total of \$1239.12.

It was announced that there would be a ski tour at Denali State Park the week-end of April 23-24. A motion was made and seconded that \$40 be used to buy more books for the Club Library. AUDREY DIXON came to talk about the Hike-Out program and said that volunteers were needed to help with the program or lead hikes. ROBBIE CLARK, a representative from the Bicycle Association, came to talk and answer any questions about the Association.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to a Used Equipment Swap and Sale. The meeting was adjourned.

David Newcombe, Secretary

## PRESIDENT'S PEN by Tom Meacham

Our swap-and-sell meet last month was a great success, some people walking away with over \$250 in their pockets for that worthless junk they had previously tripped over in the basement. A suggestion has been made to schedule an annual swap-meet, or perhaps two a year, for summer and winter gear respectively. While two meets might be more often than necessary, at least at the present time, there is no doubt that MCA should plan to have another such meeting within the year. Suggestions were also made that the Club should make some money on the event, such as a percentage of the sales (probably unenforceable) or a flat fee for all sellers, or a required MCA membership for sellers. Any other suggestions would be welcomed. Nordic Ski Club runs a similar event every year, and makes money at it.

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TENTATIVE HIKING SCHEDULE - MAY THROUGH AUGUST, 1977

You will note that very few of the following hikes have leaders. We hope you will look over the schedule, then call DONA AGOSTI, Hiking Chairman, 279-2901, and offer to lead one. If you are an experienced hiker, it is not necessary that you have hiked the trail previously. Just be sure to get advance information on the access, distance, road conditions, etc. We will publish the list again in SCREE, hopefully with a full contingent of leaders. Also, if you don't wish to overnight, you may hike as far as you wish with the group and return at your pleasure, providing your own transportation, of course. We have also scheduled some mid-week hikes. Call DONA if interested.

Saturday, May 21 - EAGLE LAKE, DAY HIKE to lovely lake at the end of South Fork Eagle River Valley. Meet at 9 AM at Fred Meyer. (Hike 37, 55 Ways to the Wilderness.)

Saturday through Monday, Memorial Day, May 28-30 - HICKS CREEK TRAIL to lake near Monarch Peak (7108). (Described in 55 Ways to the Wilderness, Number 48.) One way trip about 10 miles. Easy hiking, good family trip. Altitude gain about 3150 (at the pass). May be wet, but good boots should solve that problem. Gung-ho types may want to climb mountain or do the Chitna Pass trip or return via Caribou Creek. Meet at 7 AM, Saturday, at Fred Meyer.

Saturday, June 11 - OPEN. Let's have suggestions for two one-day hikes.

Saturday, June 18 - EMERALD LAKE, from Oil Well Road. This is a long one day hike or an easy two day. If enough people are interested in an overnight, that can be arranged. Meet at 7 AM at Fred Meyer. (Sunday, June 19, is Father's Day.)

Saturday, June 25 - BUFFALO MINE TO SUTTON via Wishbone Lake and 17 mile lake. Meet at 8 AM at Fred Meyer. Rosemary Kobus and Emile McIntosh, leaders. Call 333-5336.

Saturday through Monday, July 2-4, Independence Day - DEVILS CANYON-GOLD CREEK. Plans are still tentative on this. The train leaves Anchorage at 9 AM and arrives at Gold Creek at 1:35 PM. Round trip fare is \$24.00. We will hike up the Susitna River to a campsite on a high ridge overlooking Susitna and Canyon, camp and return on the train which leaves Gold Creek at 3:51 PM on Monday, arriving back in Anchorage around 9 PM. Those who wish may drive to Talkeetna and board the train there. This will speed up your return trip, but of course won't save you any time on the ingoing trip. We are hoping to con JERRY O'CONNOR, a guide from Eagle River, into leading this tour. If not, we'll have things well planned before we start on the trail.

Saturday and Sunday, July 9-10 - SHIP LAKE, CHUGACH STATE PARK. This can be a one day or overnight depending on your personal wishes and stamina. This location is described in a paragraph on page 97 of "55 Ways." The trip is about 8 miles roundtrip. Meet at 7 AM at Fred Meyer.

July 15-29, ARCTIC WILDLIFE RANGE. "Sorry, we already have 18 reservations for the 12 slots open on this trip. However, if you wish to have your name added, please call DONA, 279-2901. Total charter costs \$466.

July 16, Saturday - REED LAKES, Talkeetna Mountains. This is a fantastic family trip. The lake, nestled in a mountain glen, is something you'll long remember. Lovely place for family camping because kids can safely climb and explore. Suggest you plan to make this an overnight, but if that's impossible, it can be done in a long day.

Saturday-Sunday, July 23-24 - COOPER LAKE TO UPPER RUSSIAN CABIN TO LOWER RUSSIAN RIVER CAMPGROUND. This is not a difficult hike because altitude gain is by car to Cooper Lake trailhead. Cars will have to be left at Russian River parking lot. There is a good trail from Cooper to the old cabin at Upper Russian Lake, a distance of about 8 miles. Some experience or at least good stamina is necessary. Meet at 6 AM at Fred Meyer.

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## HIKING SCHEDULE CONTINUED.

August Hikes. For a more detailed description of these hikes see future issues of CREE.

Saturday-Sunday, August 6-7 - PETERS HILLS. (See Hike number 47 in "55 Ways".)

Saturday-Sunday, August 13-14 - LOST LAKE. Leader, TERRY REES. (See Hike 11, "55 Ways".)

Saturday-Sunday, August 20-21 - SHIP CREEK TO INDIAN.

Saturday-Sunday, August 27-28 - JIM CREEK TRAIL TO FRIDAY CREEK. This hike is tentative because we've yet to find someone who knows his way around the Knik River and upstream toward the Glacier on this side of the river. (We definitely know we're not welcome on the other side.) Please, if someone knows of access to this area, come forward and tell us about it.

Saturday-Monday, September 3-5, Labor Day - JOHNSON PASS TRAIL FROM UPPER TRAIL LAKE CROSS TO JOHNSON LAKE TO BENCH LAKE TO PARKING LOT AT MILE 64, SEWARD HIGHWAY. (See hike number 13, "55 Ways".)

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SHIP CREEK SKI TOUR

April 16 and 17

by BILL STIVERS

DINA AGOSTI, ELLEN DUFRESNE, MIKE HUNT, DAVE KLINGER, GENE KLYMKO, and BILL STIVERS enjoyed this mid-April weekend skiing in the Ship Creek valley. PHIL and MARILYN REITAG accompanied them during a one-day tour on Saturday. Before noon Saturday morning, a campsite was selected near an open creek 2 1/2 miles upstream from the base of the hill below the Ski Bowl Road watershed sign. This location afforded an open snow field for tents and was bordered by large trees convenient for those desiring to bivouac. Saturday afternoon the group toured through the spruce and cottonwood forest along the north slope above Ship Creek to a point above the North Fork confluence. At noon Sunday, following a morning tour upstream along the valley floor, camp was broken and the group returned to Ski Bowl Road.

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HUTS AND CABINS

by Tom Meacham

Several people have expressed an interest in participating in an inventory and later repair of the Club's cabins, particularly those in the Chugach. One group will be making the Eklutna Traverse later this month, and gathering information on the condition of the cabins and needed repairs. PAUL CREWS, charter member of MCA, has volunteered the use of his plane to move people and repair materials up to the cabins this summer, and I'm sure the Club treasury can cover the gas and oil required to put PAUL's plane in the air. This is a golden opportunity to catch up on several years' necessary maintenance on these cabins, and we shouldn't pass it up. Anyone interested in participating in work crews this summer, on relatively short notice, please give me your name at the meeting or by phone (277-2129). If any MCA member is interested in coordinating the summer's repair activities, please volunteer as soon as possible.

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GEOGRAPHIC NAMES  
by Tom Meacham

"Official" U.S. government forms for submission of proposed geographic names through proper channels will be available at the May MCA meeting. We're trying to revive the committee, and the first step is to receive and process name suggestions from members. Remember, it is gauche to name a peak after yourself (unless, of course, you are deceased and worthy of the honor). Also, it is bad form to name a peak you've only seen from a map or from a distance--much better to be able to claim the first ascent plus an appropriate name, to make your name stick. Also, humor is OUT (unless your sense of humor coincides with that of the State and Federal geographic names boards in which case it may be IN). So have at it--and mail your completed forms to MCA, Box 2037, Anchorage, Alaska 99510.

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Club members TERRY REES and LINDA KIMURA tied the knot on May 13. CONGRATULATIONS!

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